NARUTO

SHONENJUMP MANGA

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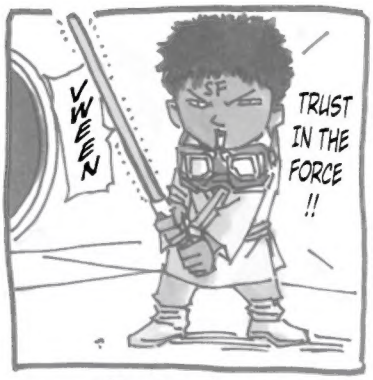

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Science Fiction movies are on the rise again...Right now they rank at the top of the box office in revenue, so I was thinking to myself, "Wow, everyone must really like Sci Fi..." and then I realized I'm one of those people too!

—Masashi Kishimoto, 2002

Author/artist Masashi Kishimoto was born in 1974 in rural Okayama Prefecture, Japan. After spending time in art college, he won the Hop Step Award for new manga artists with his manga **Karakuri** (Mechanism). Kishimoto decided to base his next story on traditional Japanese culture. His first version of **Naruto**, drawn in 1997, was a one-shot story about fox spirits; his final version, which debuted in **Weekly Shonen Jump** in 1999, quickly became the most popular ninja manga in Japan.

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VICTOR, TEMARI!!

SHRINK

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...UGH...

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AW MAN, I'M BEAT...

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DOES HE HAVE ANY WILL TO FIGHT...?

SHEESH...

I REALLY DON'T KNOW... IT'S A MYSTERY.

ARGH! WHAT A WASTE. WHY...? HE COULD HAVE BECOME A CHÛNIN!!

SHIKAMARU'S SHIKAMARU.

BECAUSE HE IS THOROUGHLY AWARE OF HIS OWN KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS, HE DOESN'T PANIC OR BECOME HOTHEADED IN THE MIDST OF BATTLE. AND THAT IS HOW, EVEN IF HE FINDS HIMSELF IN THE WORST FIX, HE CAN CALMLY RETREAT.

IT'S DISAPPOINTING THAT HE DOESN'T SEEM EAGER TO FIGHT, BUT... YOU COULD SAY THAT IT'S BECAUSE HE HAS THE ABILITY TO COOLY ANALYZE ANY AND ALL SITUATIONS.

I SUSPECT, IN TERMS OF THE PSYCHOLOGICAL PROFILES DEEMED ESSENTIAL IN CHUNIN...

IF THIS HAD BEEN AN ACTUAL MISSION WITH HIM AS A MEMBER OF A BASIC 4-MAN PLATOON, SHIKAMARU'S VICTORY WOULD HAVE BEEN ASSURED WHEN HE CAPTURED TEMARI.

IT'S A CASE OF WINNING THE BATTLE BUT LOSING THE MATCH.

AND YET THAT KID'S KNOWLEDGE AND STRATEGY ARE ALREADY DEFINITELY BEYOND GENIN LEVEL...

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SHIKAMARU'S GOT THE MOST IMPORTANT ONE...

THE DISPOSITION OF A NATURAL LEADER!

IF WE ASSESS HIM AS A PLATOON LEADER...

...THE ABILITY TO PROTECT AND SAFELY GET ONE'S SOLDIERS OUT OF DANGER IS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT THAN CARRYING OUT ONE'S MISSION...

HMM...

IN THE CASE OF INTELLIGENCE GATHERING, COMPLETING THE MISSION BUT GETTING WIPED OUT IS NOT A VIABLE OPTION...

UNLESS YOU CAN BALANCE RISKS AND SACRIFICES AGAINST THE MISSION AND PROCEED WITH SURVIVAL AS YOUR FOREMOST CONCERN...

...YOU DON'T HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A CHÛNIN...

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THAT REALLY MAKES ME MAD! I'M GONNA GO GIVE HIM A LECTURE HE WON'T EVER FORGET!

WHY'D HE GIVE UP?! IS HE STUPID OR SOME-THING?!

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...ALTHOUGH THEY MAKE PERFECTLY GOOD GENIN!

ALONG THOSE LINES, NEITHER HYUGA NOR NARUTO ARE QUALIFIED...

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

WELL, I STILL THINK SHIKAMARU GAVE UP TOO EARLY TOO, BUT...

LECTURING IS DIFFICULT. ONE MUST NOT ANGER THE AUDIENCE.

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...TO BECOME A CHÛNIN...

I THINK HE DEFINITELY HAS MORE PROMISE THAN NARUTO...

WHAT DO I THINK...?

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SHUT IT, MEGA-DORK!!

STUPIDHEAD!!!

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LET'S GO WATCH THE NEXT MATCH, OKAY?

WHY'D YOU GIVE UP?!

AT THIS POINT, WHAT DOES IT MATTER...?

NEXT IS...

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OH...!

SASUKE!!

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OH!
YOU'RE...

HE'S STILL NOT HERE ...

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OH WELL! I GUESS IT'S JUST LIKE HIM--

NOW, PLEASE COME IN!

GOOD TO SEE YOU, SIRS!

SASUKE ...

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ALL RIGHT! LET'S GO, LEE!

ROGER !!

OH! YES SIR.

"HI"

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WH-WHAT ABOUT NARUTO AND NEJI'S BATTLE...?!

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THE ONLY ONE REMAINING IS UCHIHA SASUKE VS. GAARA!

ALMOST ALL OF THE FIRST ROUND BATTLES HAVE CONCLUDED...

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THAT'S THE INTERESTING THING...

HYUGA LOST...

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NARUTO DEFEATED NEJI...

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I SEE...

NARUTO !!

NICE WORK...

LEE, YOU ARE SUCH A GREAT KID...

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WHERE'S UCHIHA?!

WHAT'S UP WITH THE NEXT MATCH?!

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WE'VE FINALLY RECEIVED WORD FROM KAKASHI...

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IS HE REALLY GOING TO COME?!

H-HEY, IT'S ALMOST TIME...

HE'LL COME...

...I'M SURE OF IT!

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WHAT IS THAT FOOL DOING? HE'S STILL NOT HERE?!

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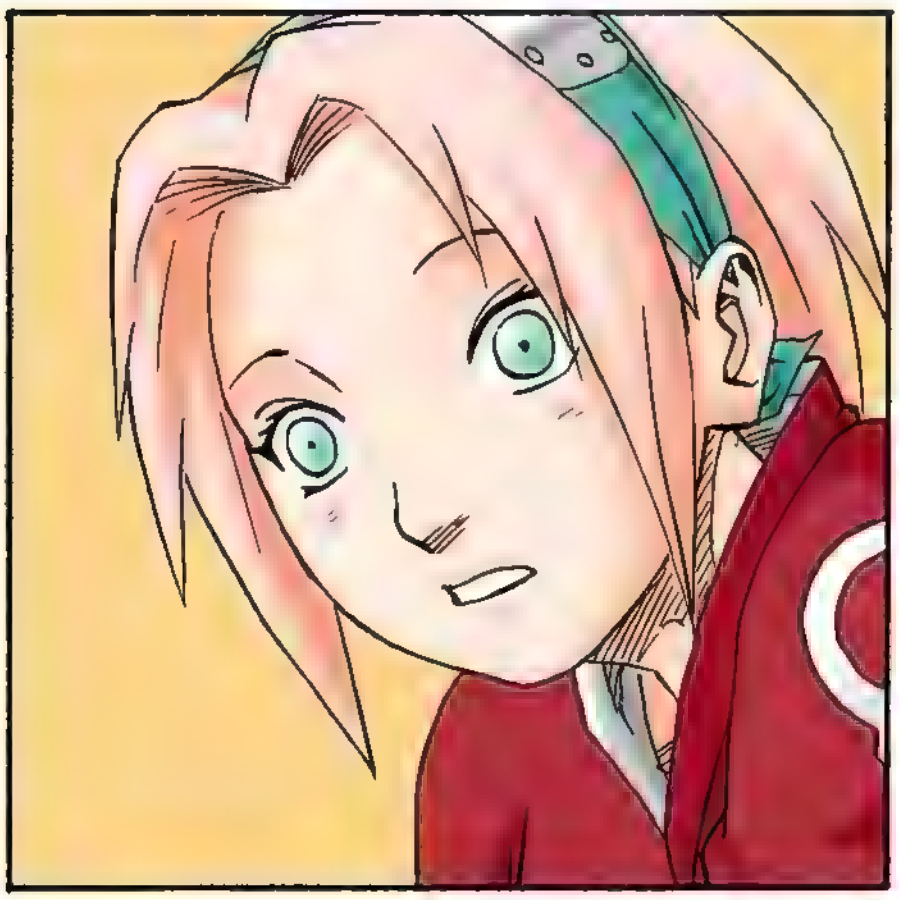

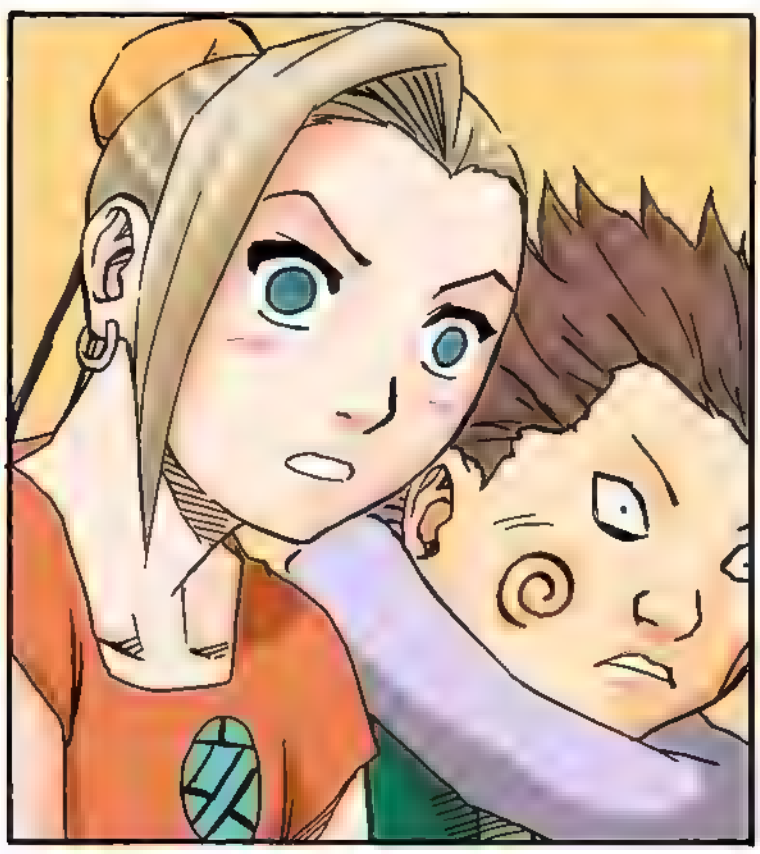

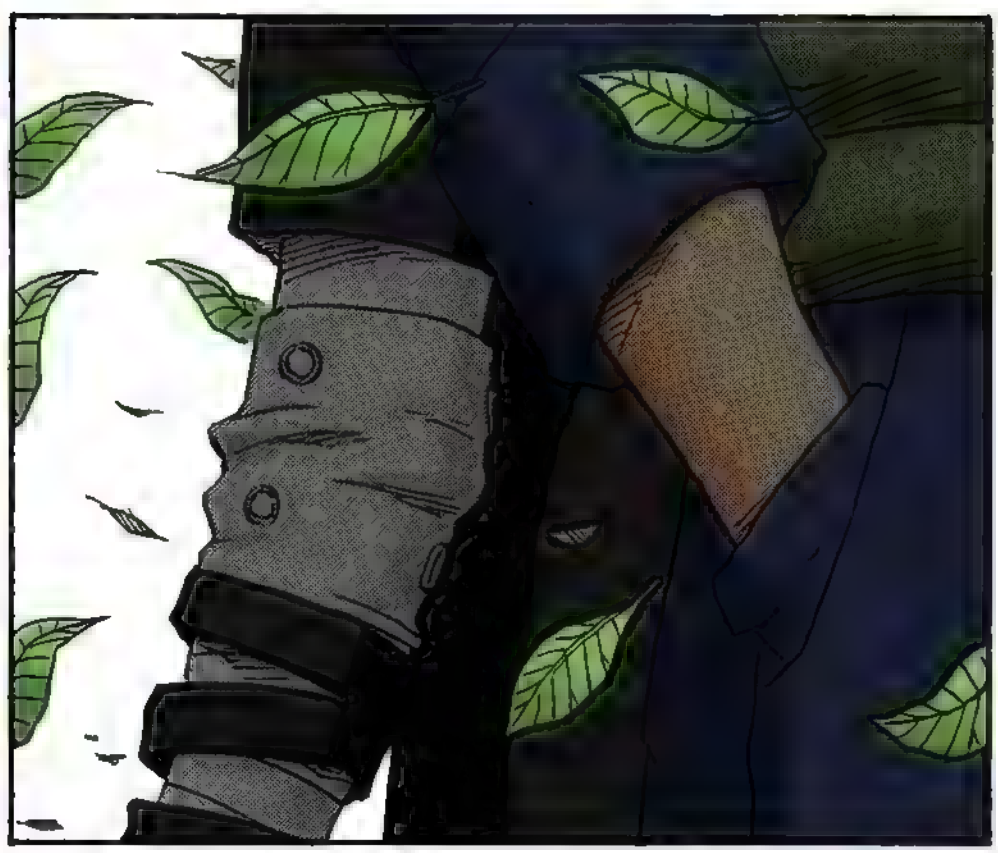

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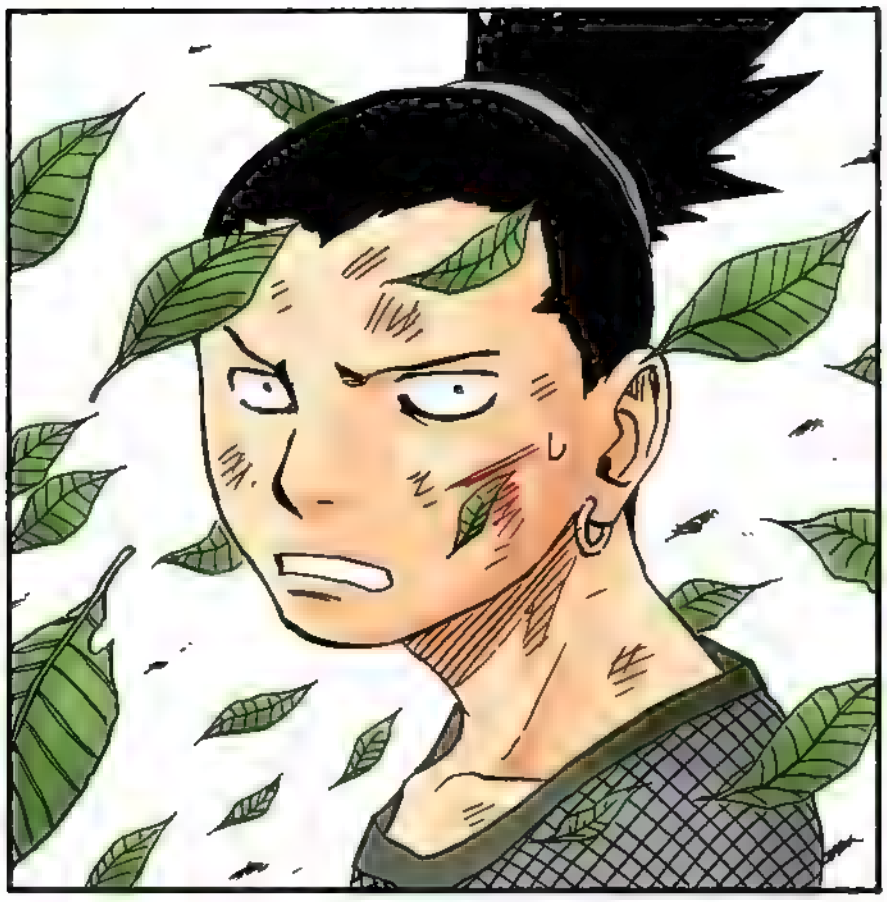

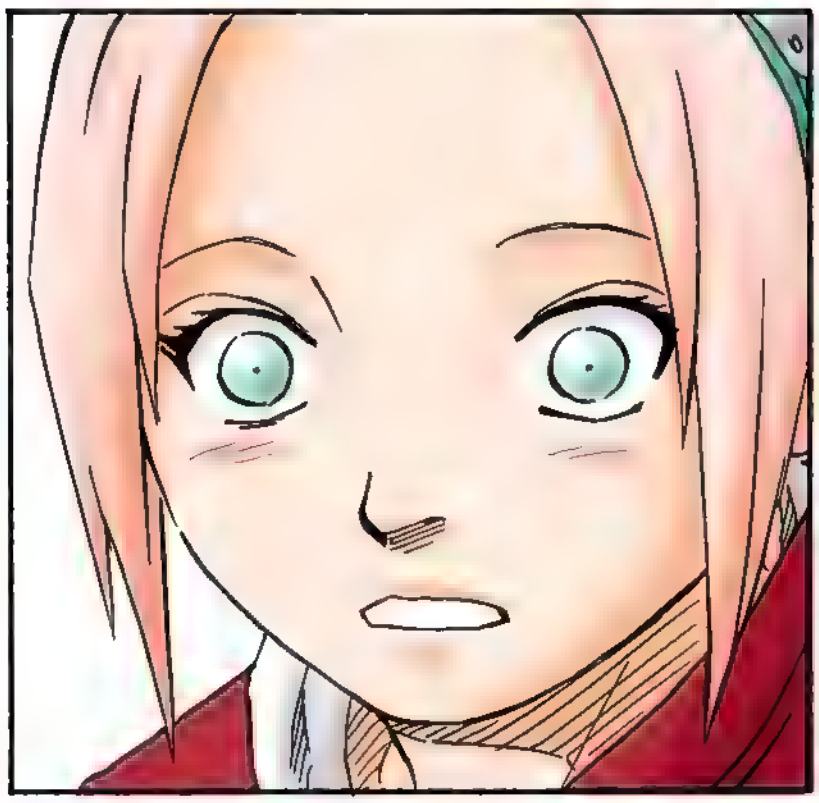

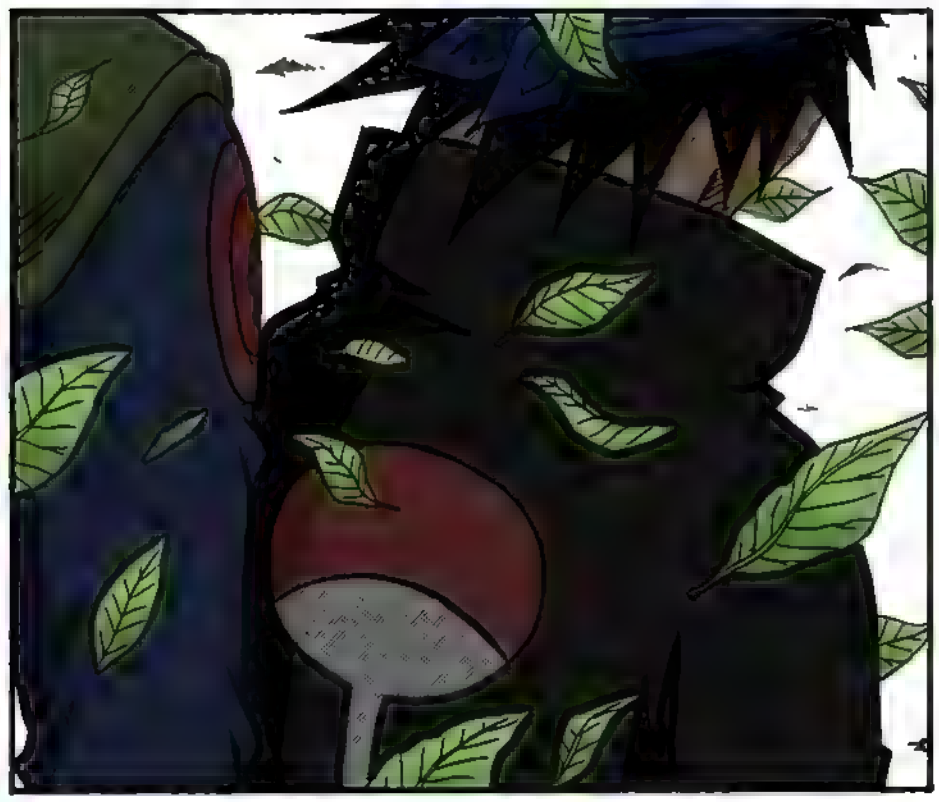

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AHH, SO SORRY WE'RE LATE...

YOUR NAME?

SASUKE.

UCHIHA.

HEH... ACTING ALL HIGH AND MIGHTY...

...EVEN THOUGH HE'S INCONVE-NIENCED EVERYONE!

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SASUKE!!

ISN'T THAT...

HEY...

LEE!

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IT'S SASUKE, ALL RIGHT!

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I WAS WONDERING IF YOU GOT COLD FEET ABOUT FIGHTING ME!

HEY! YOU'RE REAL LATE, HUH?!

...YOU BIG DORK...

HEH... CHILL OUT...

SHEESH... YEAH, RIGHT.

AND WHO WAS THE ONE INSISTING HE WAS GOING TO SHOW UP?!

HE CAME.

SEE...

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FROM THAT LOUDMOUTH ATTITUDE OF YOURS...

...I TAKE IT YOU WON YOUR FIRST ROUND BATTLE?

OF COURSE.

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...SASUKE LOST BY FORFEIT?

...DON'T TELL ME...

WELL, UH, FLASHY ENTRANCE NOTWITH-STANDING...

SEE... I TOLD YOU WE'D BE LATE, SASUKE.

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SO... WHAT'S THE DEAL?

SHEESH!

MAYBE YOUR TARDINESS IS CONTA-GIOUS?!

SASUKE'S MATCH WAS POSTPONED.

HIS MATCH WASN'T FORFEITED.

DON'T WORRY, YOU'RE SAFE!

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OH, GOOD! GOOD!

AH HA HA...

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YEAH...

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DON'T YOU DARE LOSE TO A GUY LIKE HIM!

SASUKE!

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YOU'RE ONE OF THE ONES I WANT TO FIGHT...

...WANT TO FIGHT YOU TOO...!

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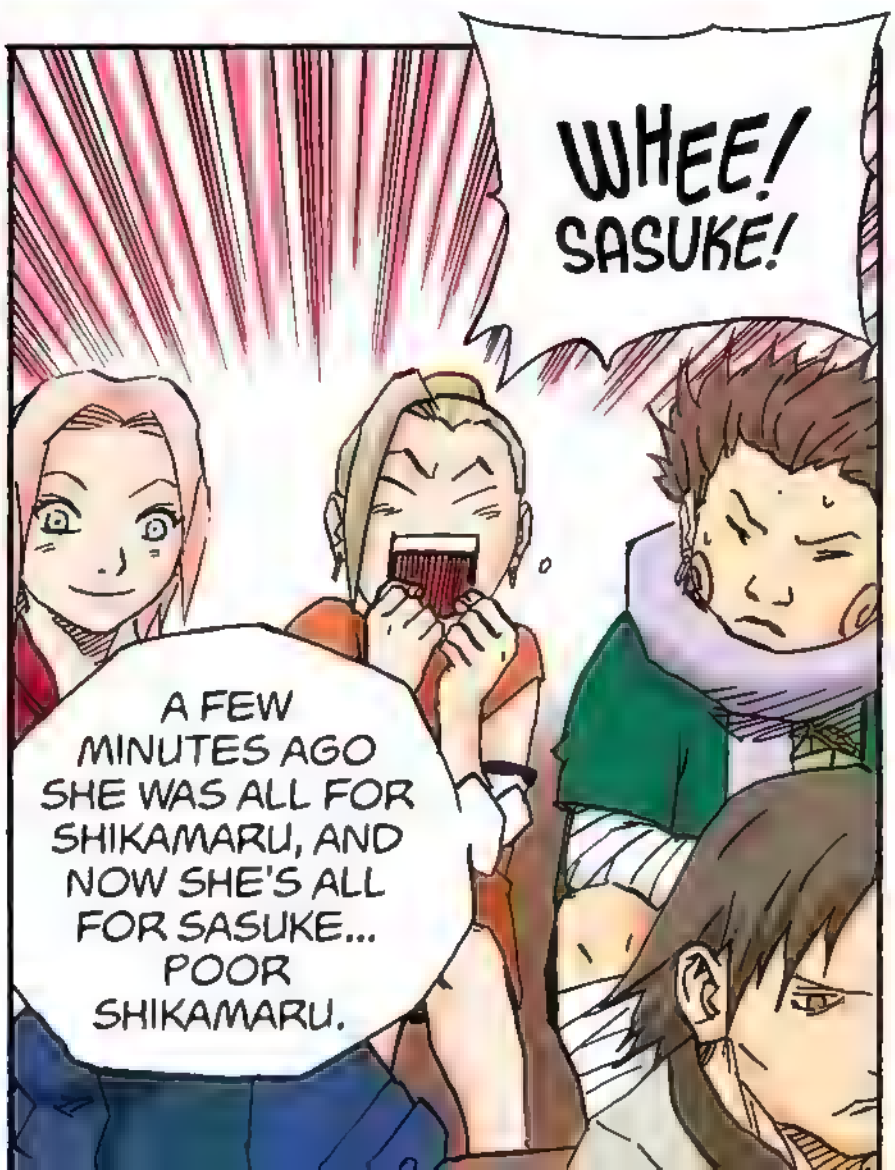
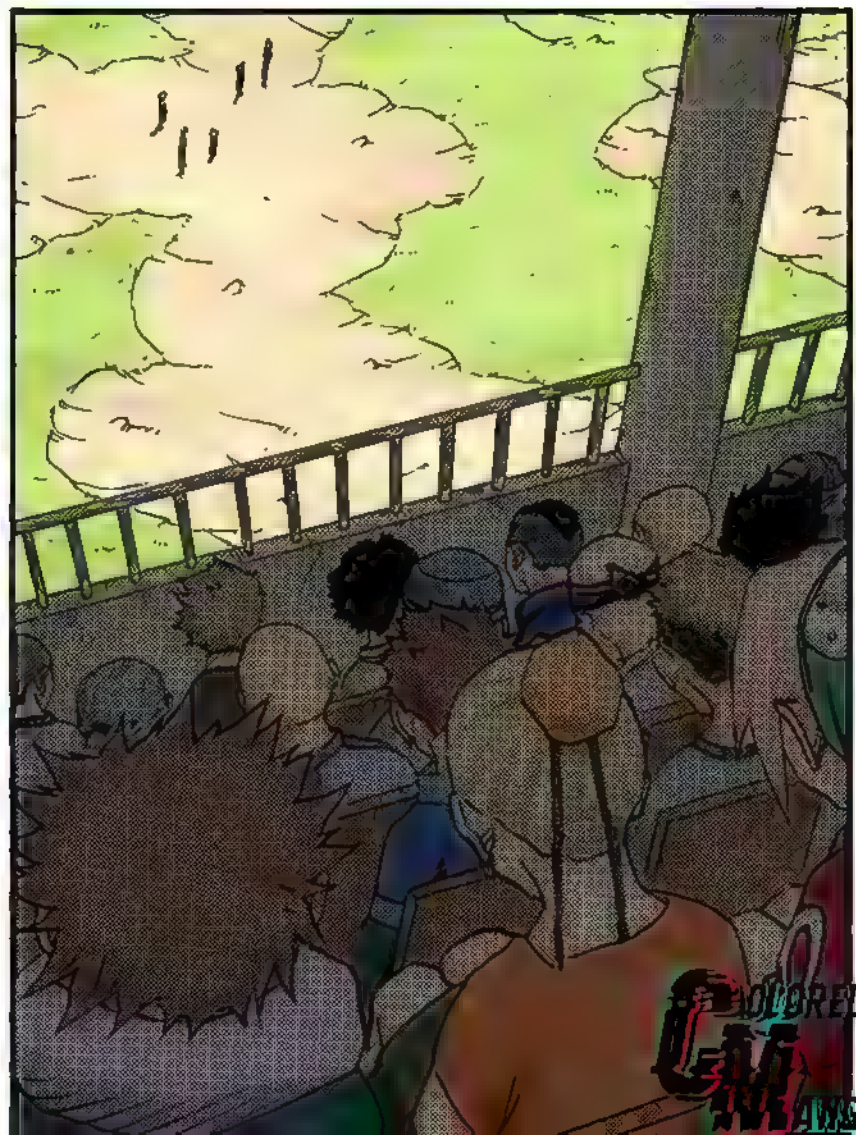
YEAH...





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UCHIHA'S MATCH IS STARTING!!

HEY! IS THAT THE LAST OF THE UCHIHA CLAN?!

WELL I'VE GOTTA ADMIT, I'VE KINDA BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS TOO...

SO I CAN'T GET TOO UPSET OVER BEING THE OPENING ACT...

I MEAN...

...I NEVER IMAGINED NARUTO WOULD BEAT UP HYUGA NEJI...

HEY, SAKURA!

YOUR TEAM'S KINDA PRETTY AWESOME--!

HUH?

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...AND SASUKE'S AN UCHIHA ELITE...

...WITH EVERYONE ITCHING TO WATCH HIS MATCH!

AND NARUTO WON AGAINST NEJI, WHOM I HAVE ALWAYS WANTED TO DEFEAT...

SASUKE IS FIGHTING THAT SAND NINJA GAARA, WHOM I WAS POWERLESS AGAINST...

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JEALOUS?!

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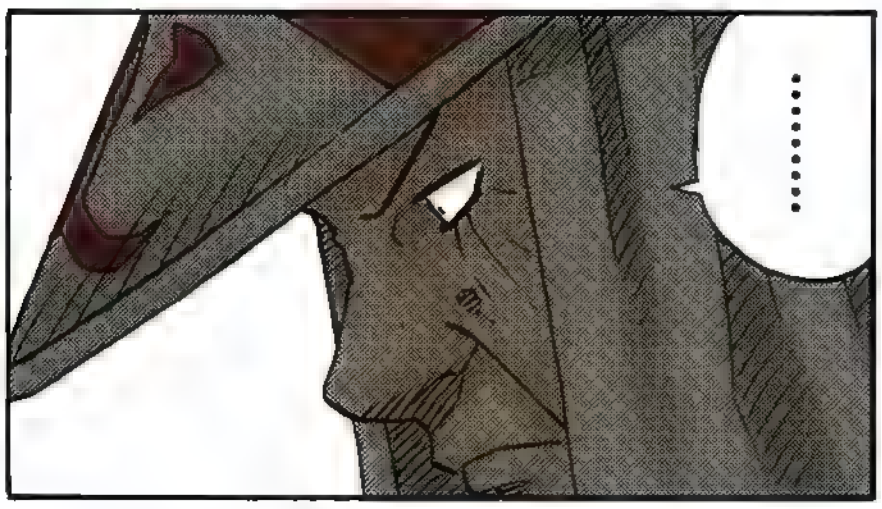

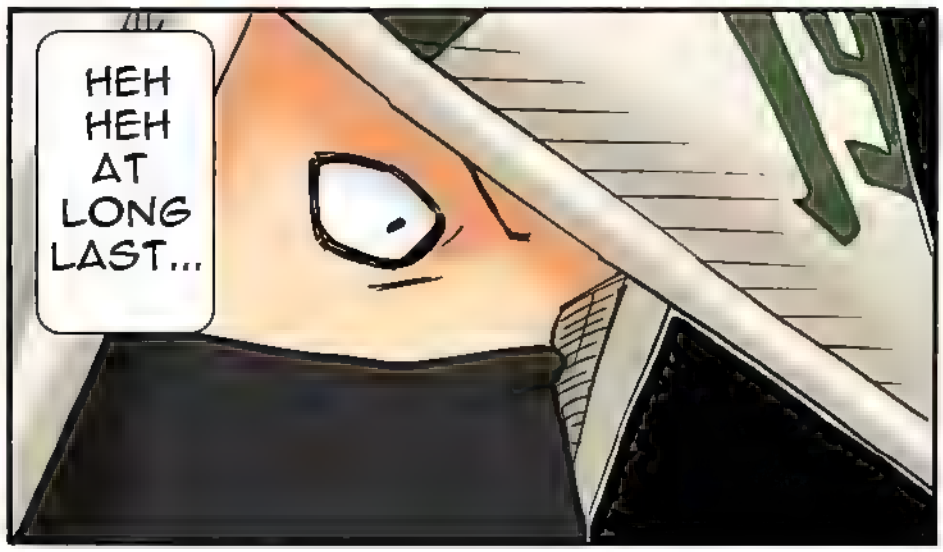

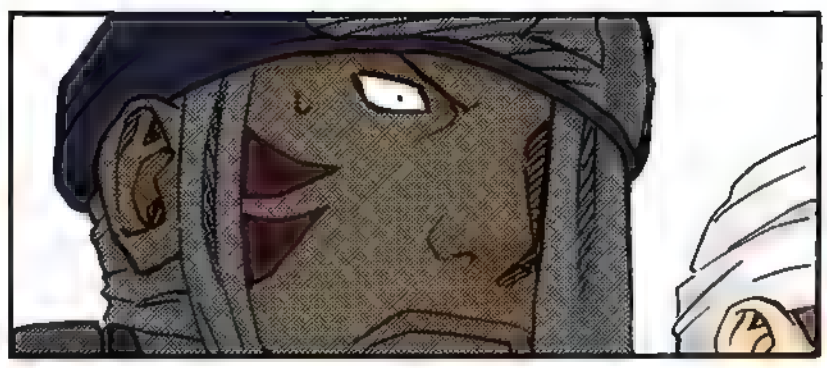

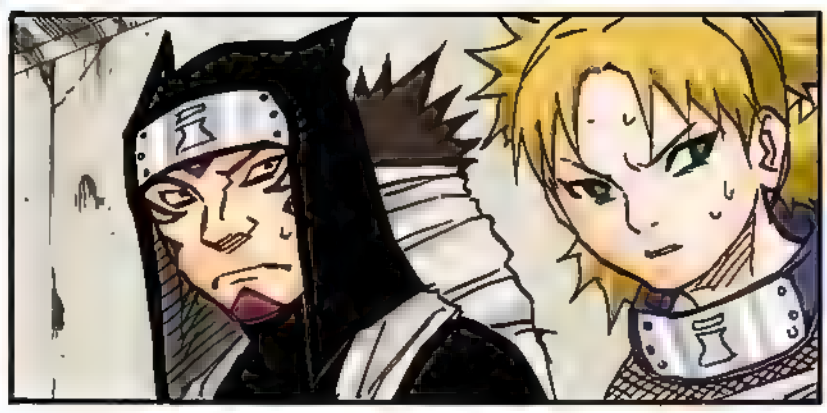

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GAARA, COME DOWN.

AND LET'S JUST TAKE THE STAIRS THIS TIME, OKAY?!

WHAT! ARE YOU STILL HOLDING IT AGAINST ME THAT I SHOVED YOU?!

NARUTO! LET'S GO BACK UPSTAIRS.

ROGER.

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SH-SHOOT... I HAVEN'T SEEN GAARA THIS BAD IN A WHILE...

...H-HEY, GAARA... DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE PLAN, ALL RI--

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DON'T TALK TO HIM RIGHT NOW...

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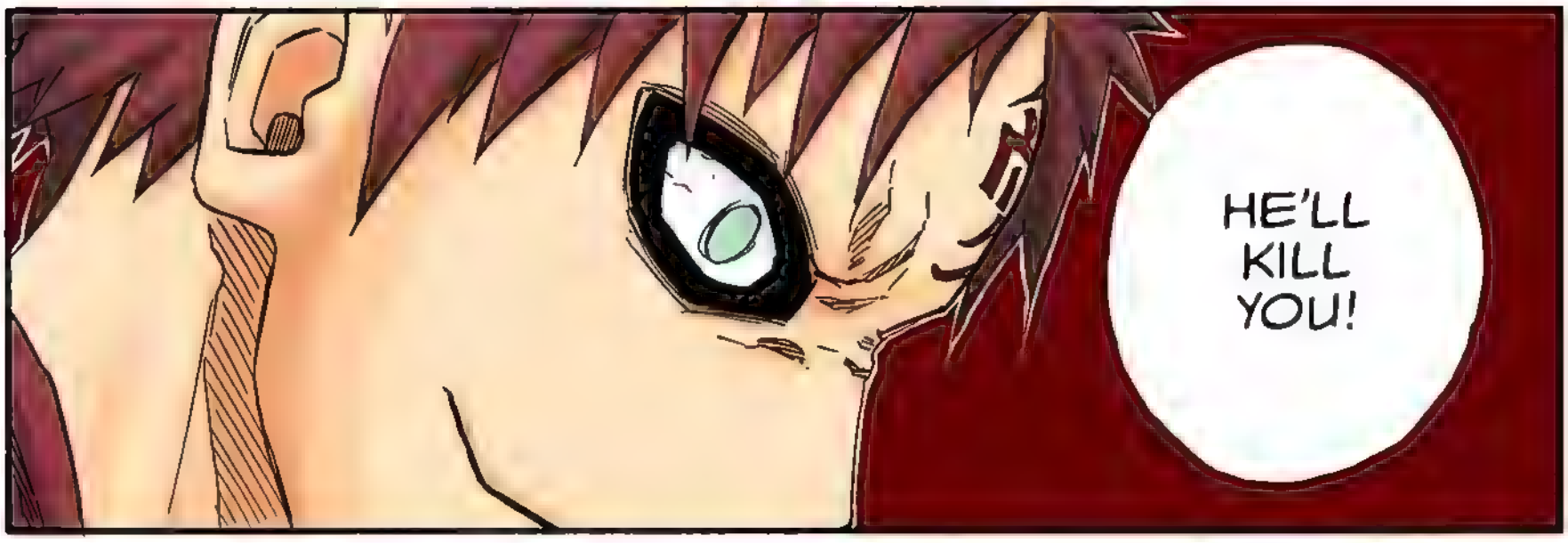

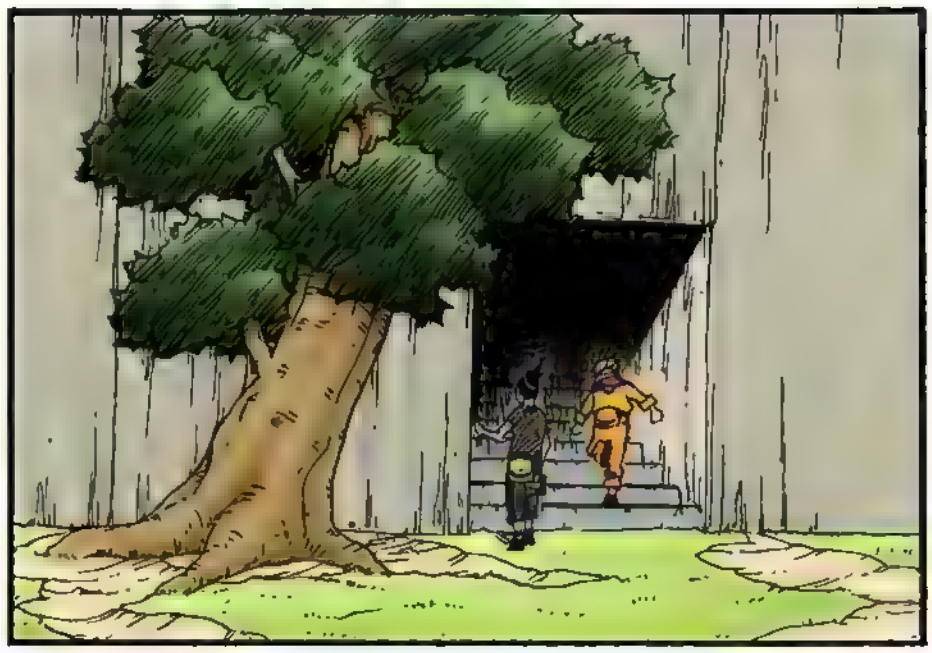

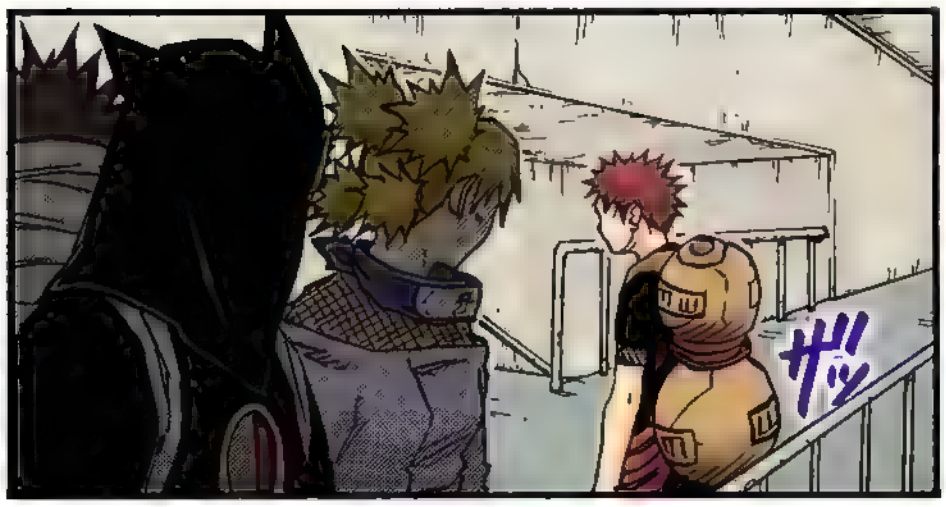

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HEY! C'MON, HURRY UP!

NO GOOD EVER COMES FROM RUSHING, YOU KNOW.

WHAT'S THE MATTER...?

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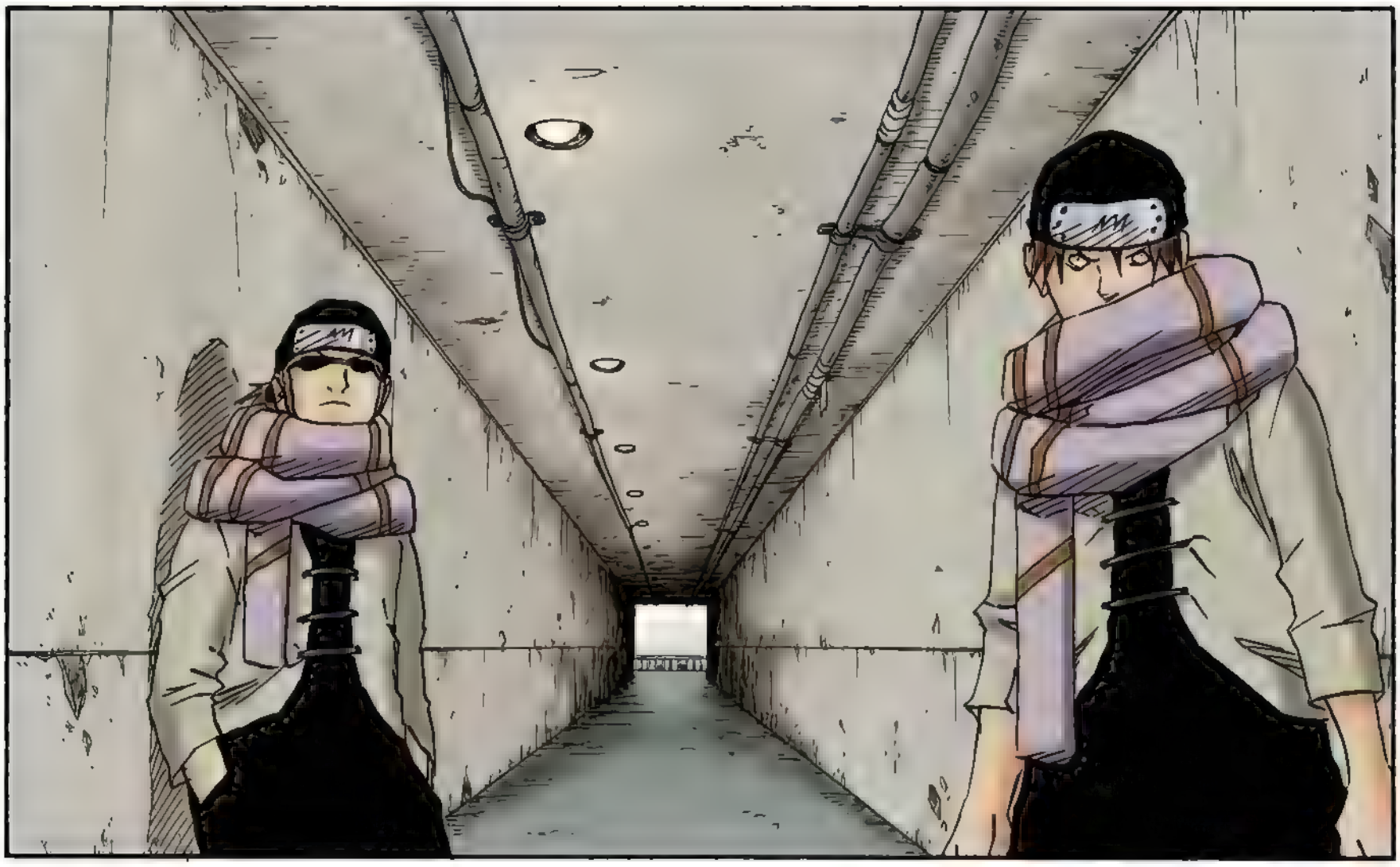
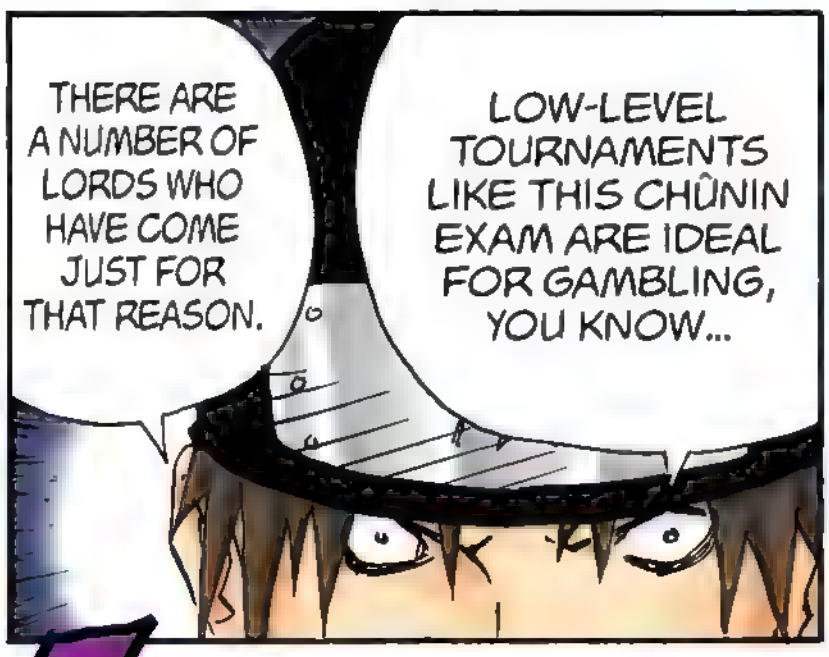
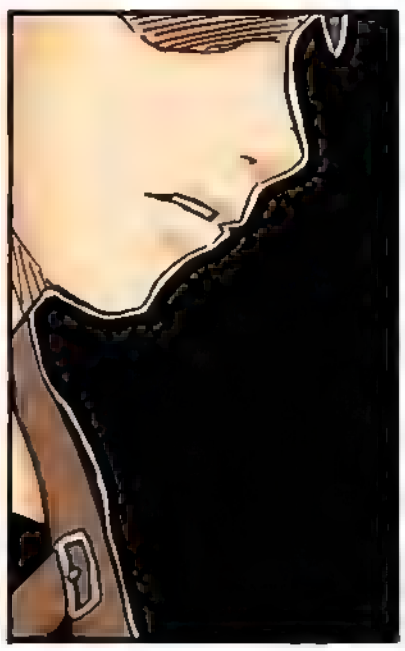



THERE ARE A NUMBER OF LORDS WHO HAVE COME JUST FOR THAT REASON.
LOW-LEVEL TOURNAMENTS LIKE THIS CHÛNIN EXAM ARE IDEAL FOR GAMBLING, YOU KNOW...



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...IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR THOSE TWO... WE PROBABLY WOULD HAVE BEEN KILLED.

WHEW...

SASUKE...

...EVEN SASUKE BETTER WATCH IT... YIKES...

I'VE NEVER MET ANYONE WHO KILLED SO AUTOMATICALLY.

AT LONG LAST...

NOW THEN...

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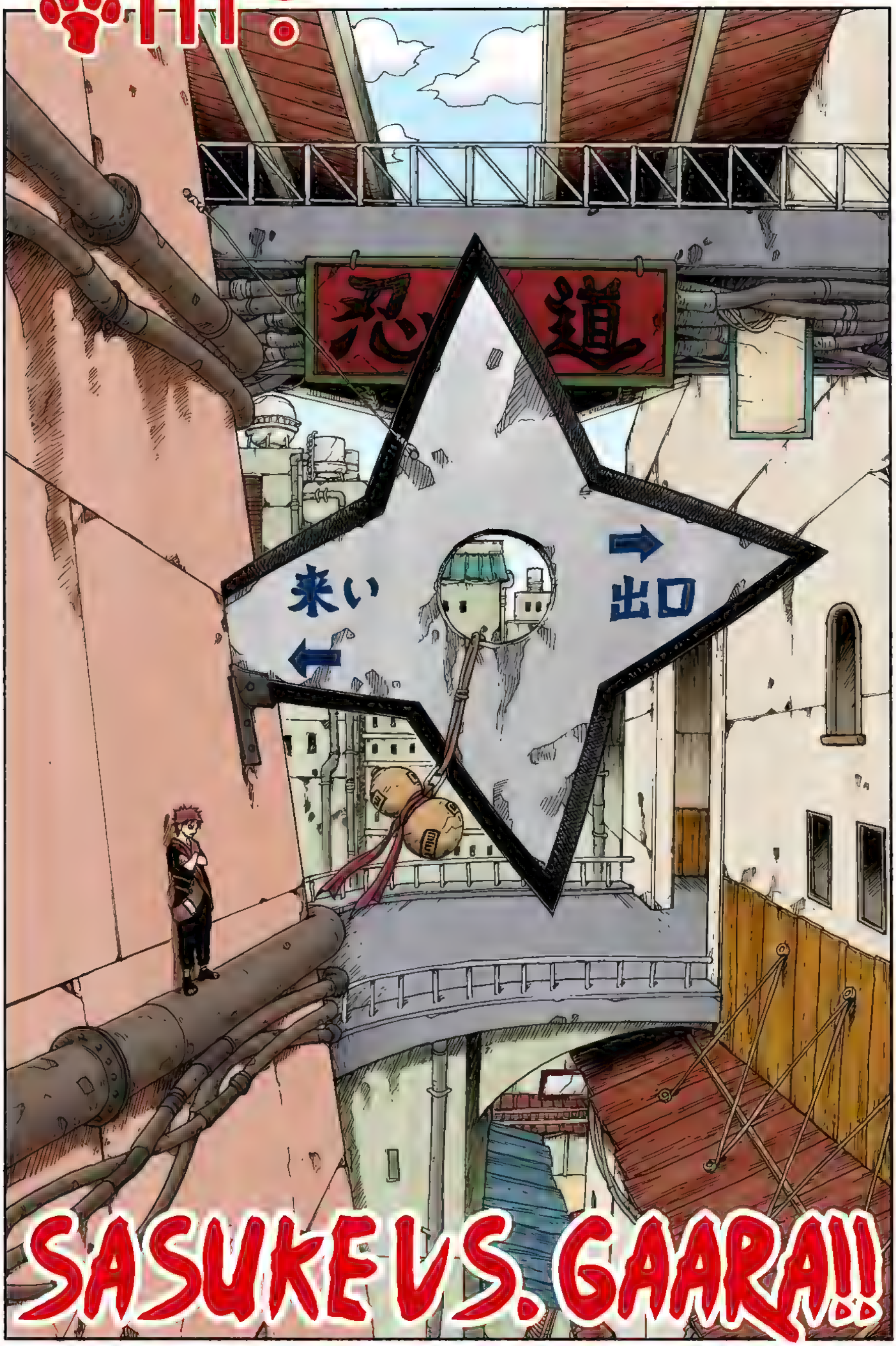

SASUKE VS. GAARA!!

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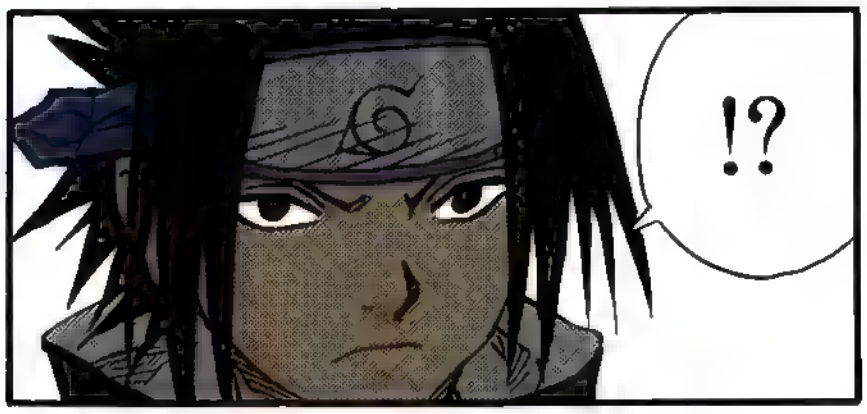

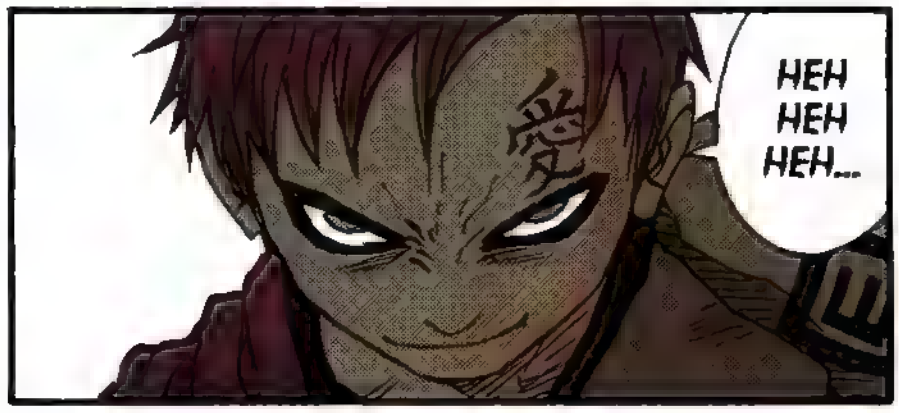

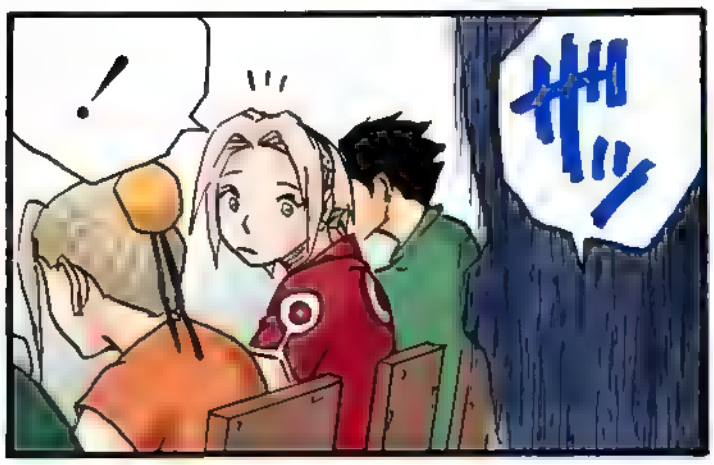

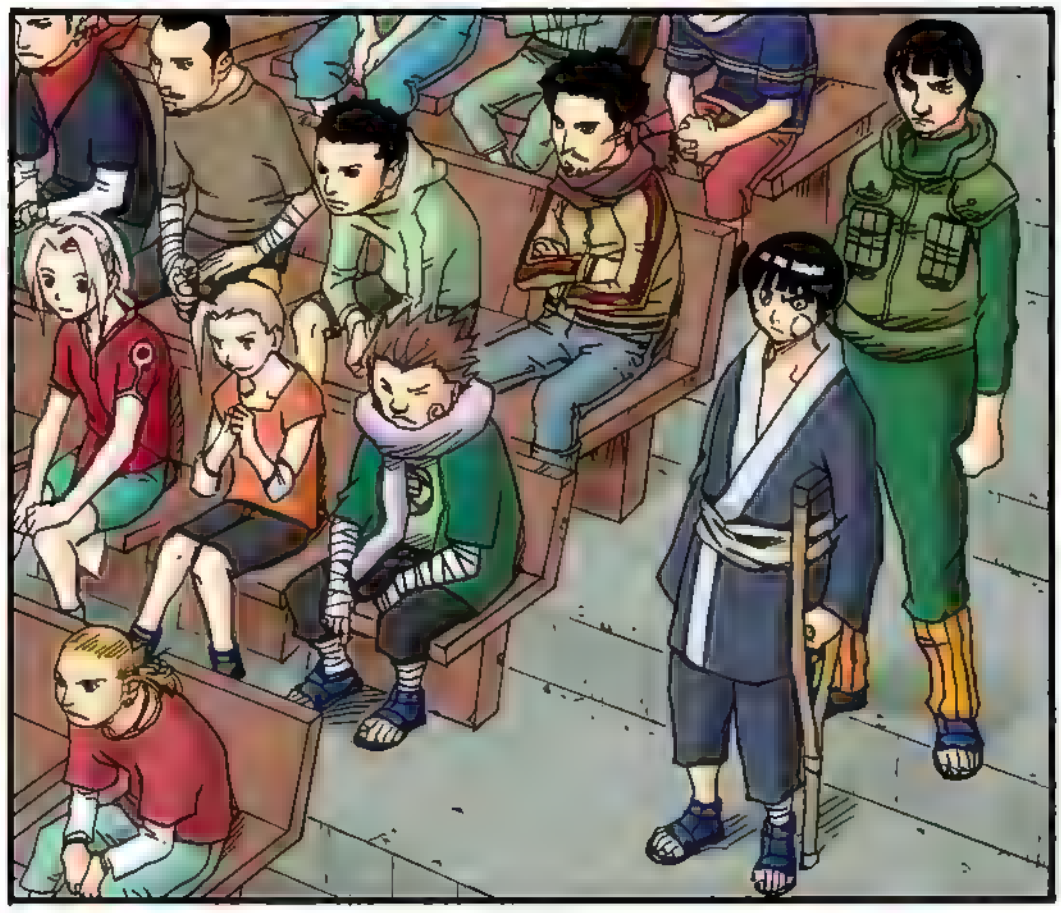

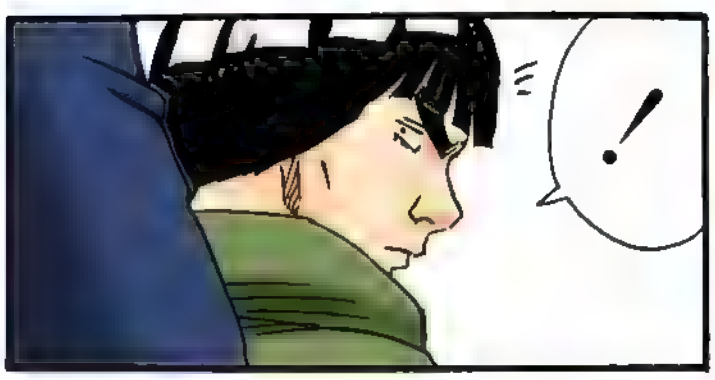

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KAKASHI!

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YO, GUY!

AND YOU TOO, LEE... ARE YOU ALL RIGHT NOW?

MASTER KAKASHI!

OH YEAH. SHE'LL GET MAD... SAKURA WILL...

SORRY I DIDN'T KEEP IN TOUCH...

YOU WERE WORRIED, WEREN'T YOU...?

OH! SORRY, SORRY.

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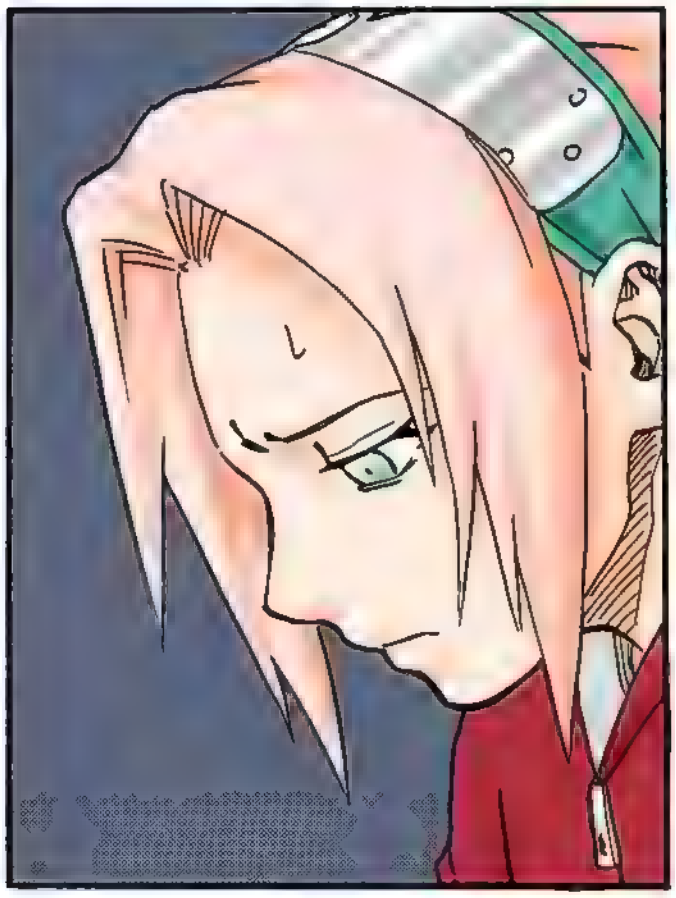

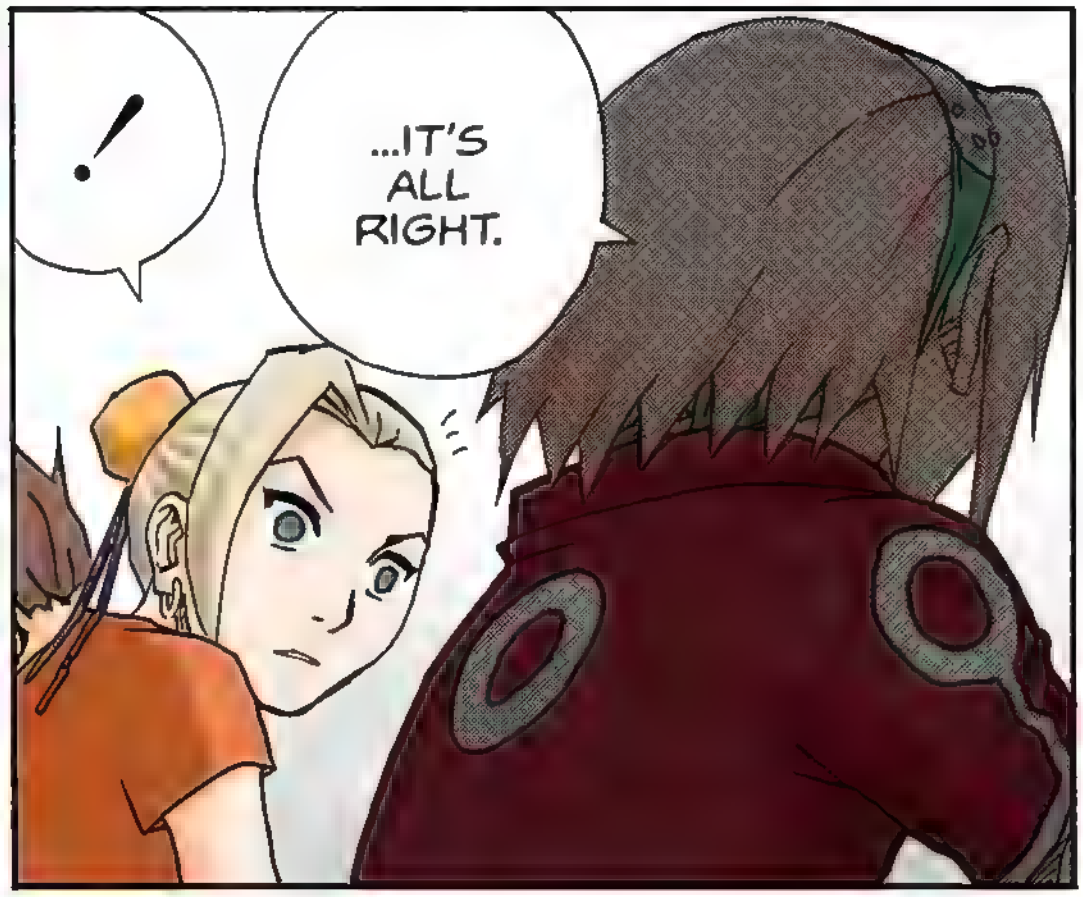

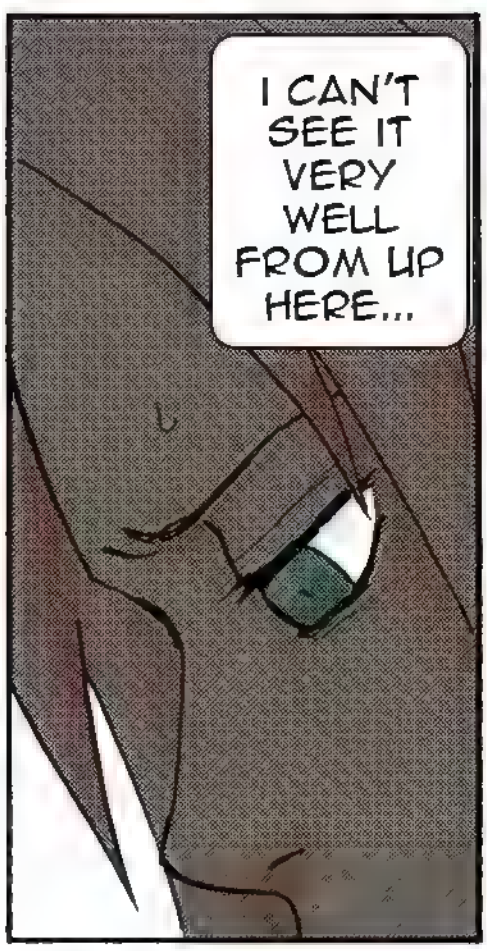

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IT'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.

...ON SASUKE'S NECK... IT'S STILL...

THAT MARK...

MARK?

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WELL... NOT KNOWING HOW THE ENEMY IS GOING TO ACT...

...THE BLACK OPS HAVE PROBABLY ALSO BEEN DISPERSED AND STATIONED AROUND THE KEY PARTS OF THE VILLAGE.

ONLY EIGHT BLACK OPS FOR THIS HUGE STADIUM...? TWO PLATOONS AREN'T ENOUGH... WHAT IS LORD HOKAGE THINKING...?

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BEGIN!

SO THIS IS THE SAND KAKASHI WAS TALKING ABOUT...

UGH...!

PLEASE... DON'T BE SO ANGRY...

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WHAT IS HE TALKING ABOUT? WEIRD.

!?

MOTHER...

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I... GAVE YOU BAD-TASTING BLOOD EARLIER, DIDN'T I...?

I'M SORRY...

BUT... DON'T WORRY... THIS TIME...

I'M SURE IT'LL BE REALLY TASTY...

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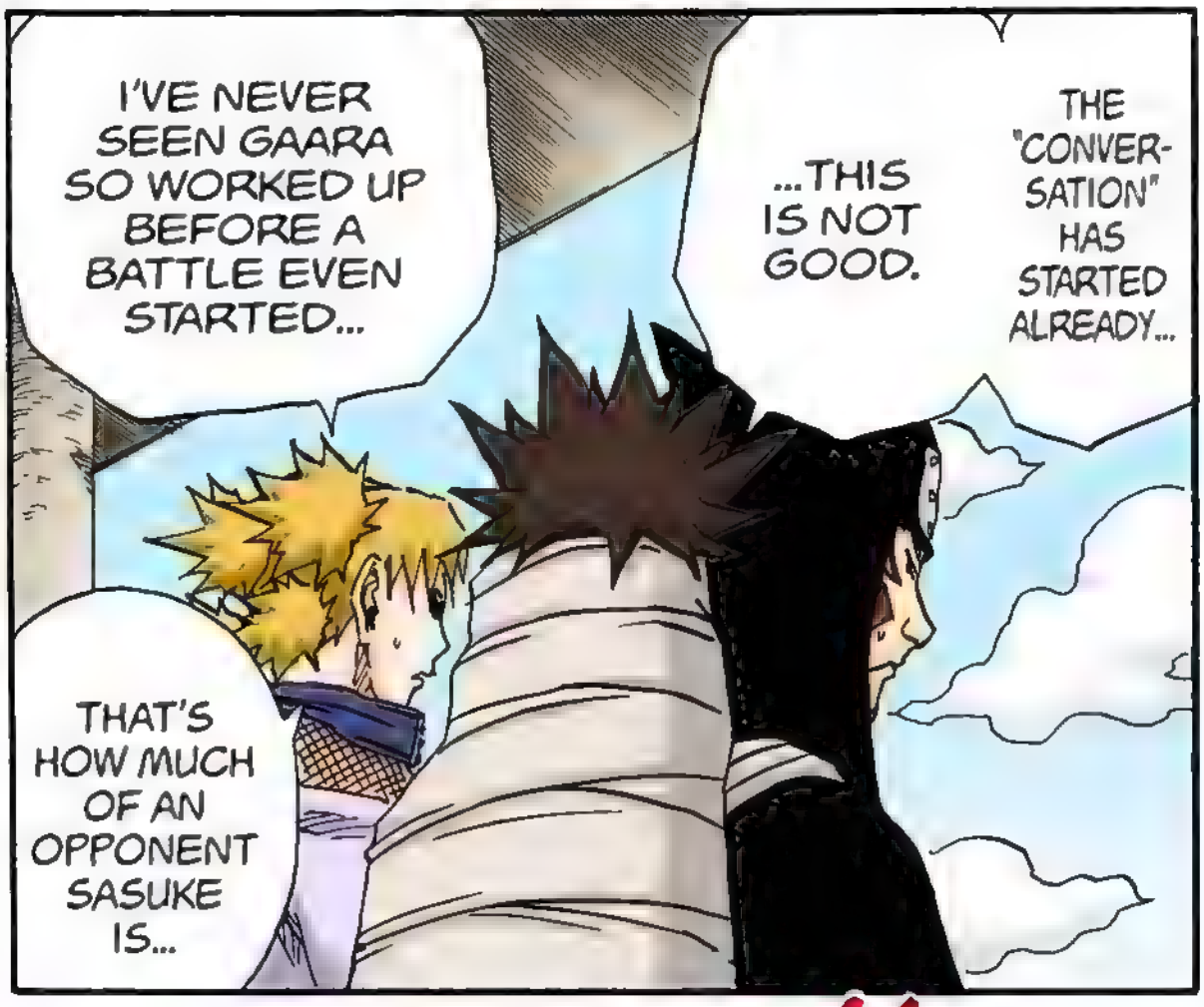
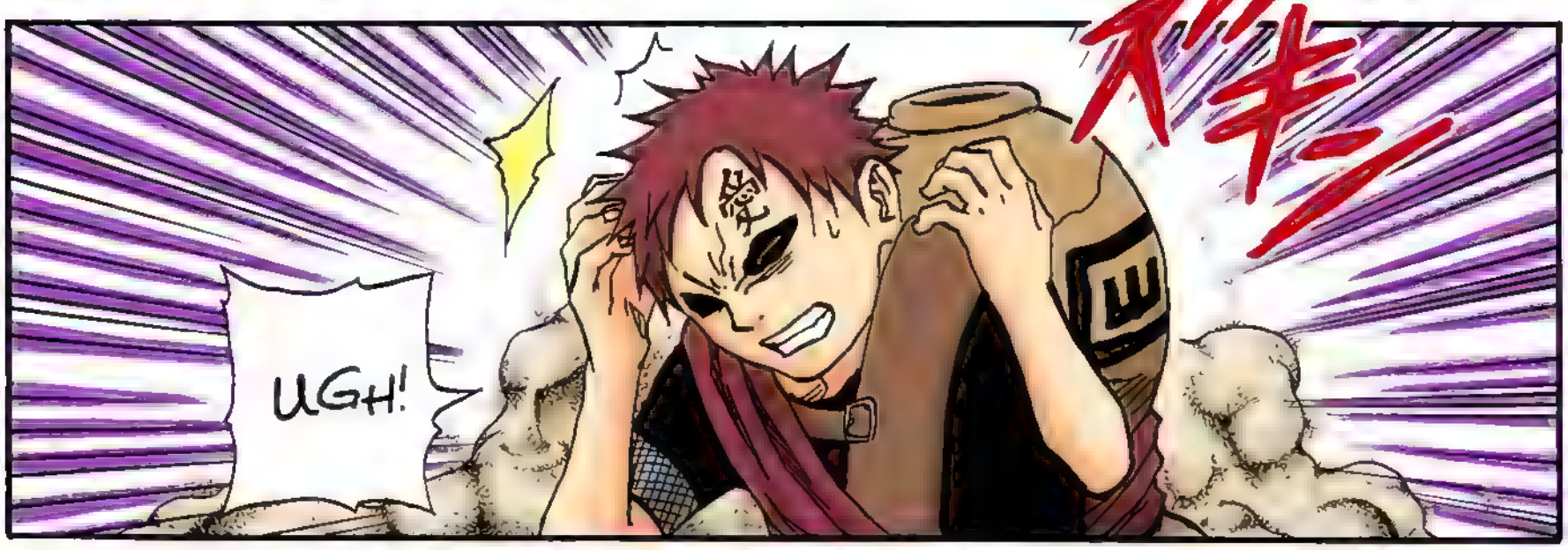

I'VE NEVER SEEN GAARA SO WORKED UP BEFORE A BATTLE EVEN STARTED...
...THIS IS NOT GOOD.
THE "CONVER-SATION" HAS STARTED ALREADY...
THAT'S HOW MUCH OF AN OPPONENT SASUKE IS...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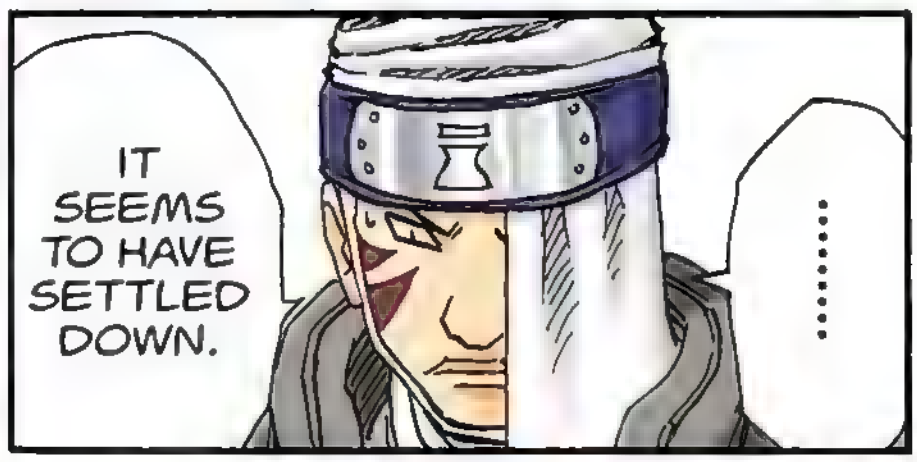
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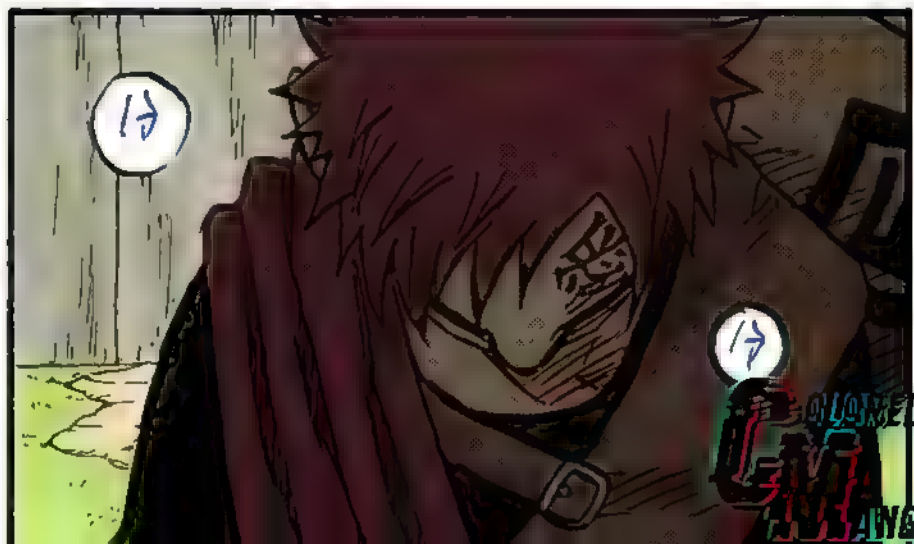
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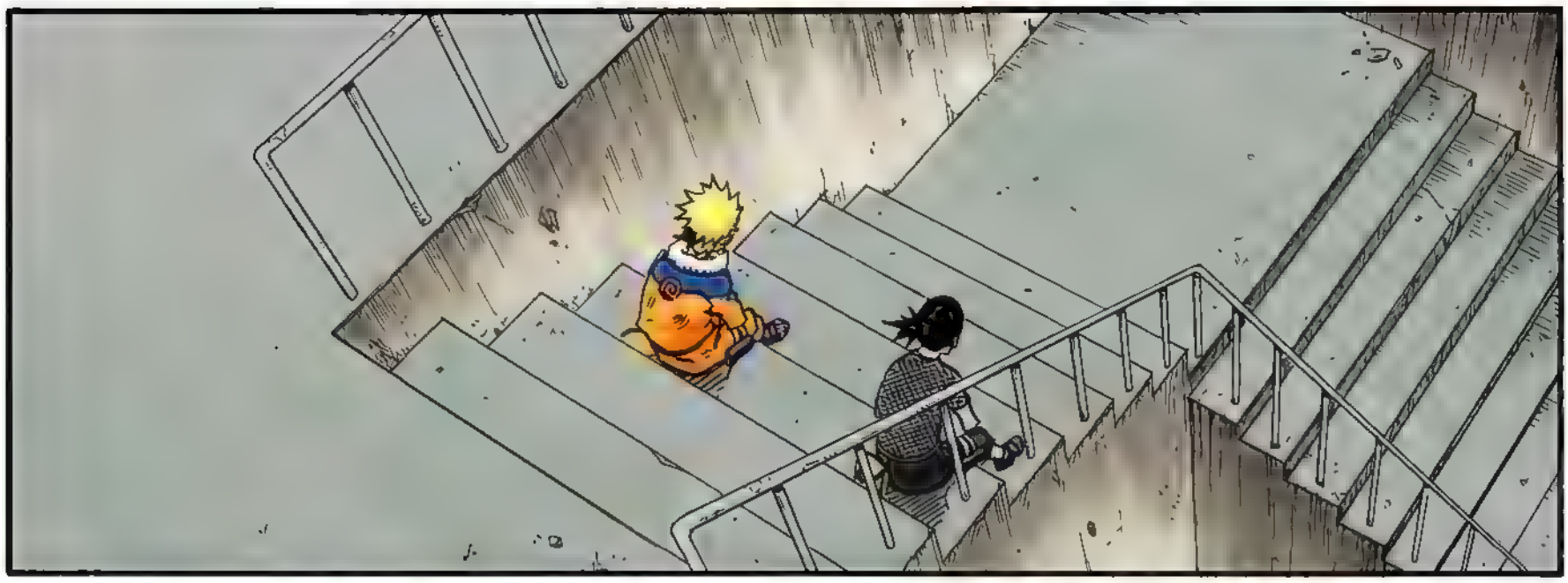
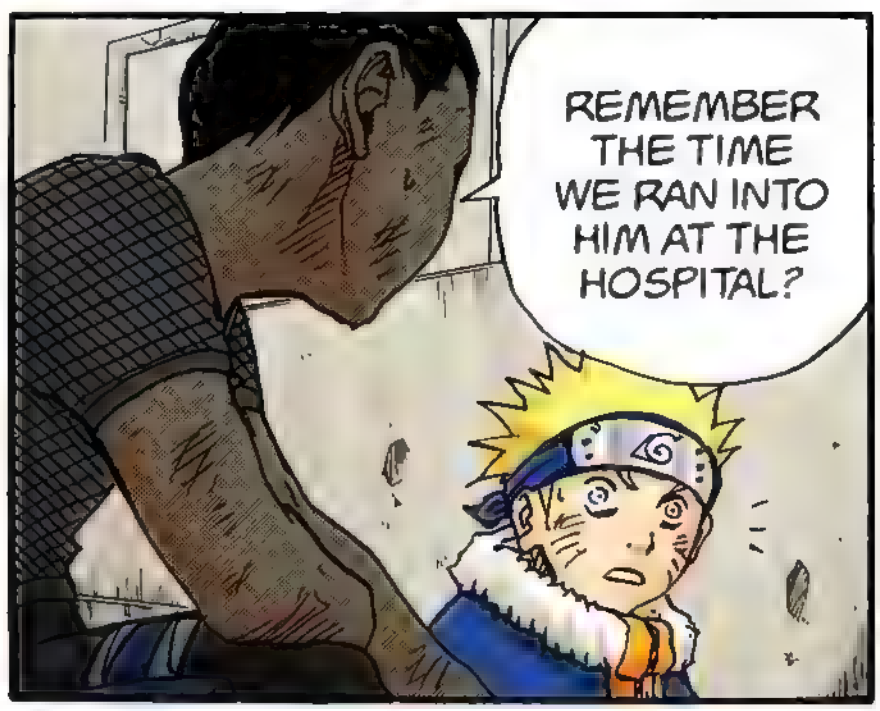
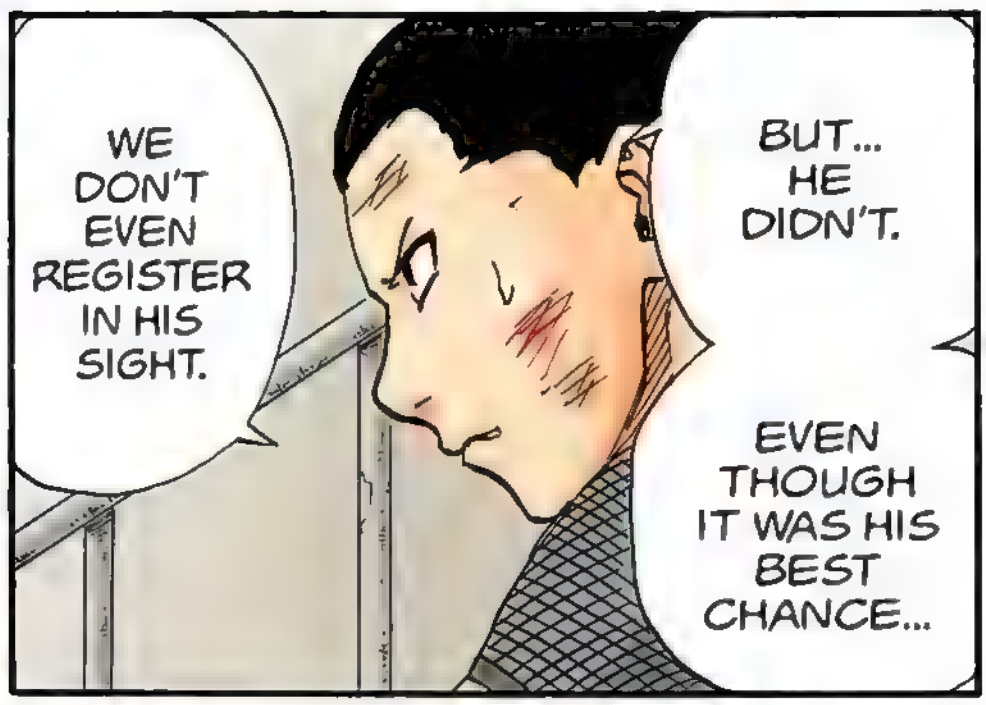
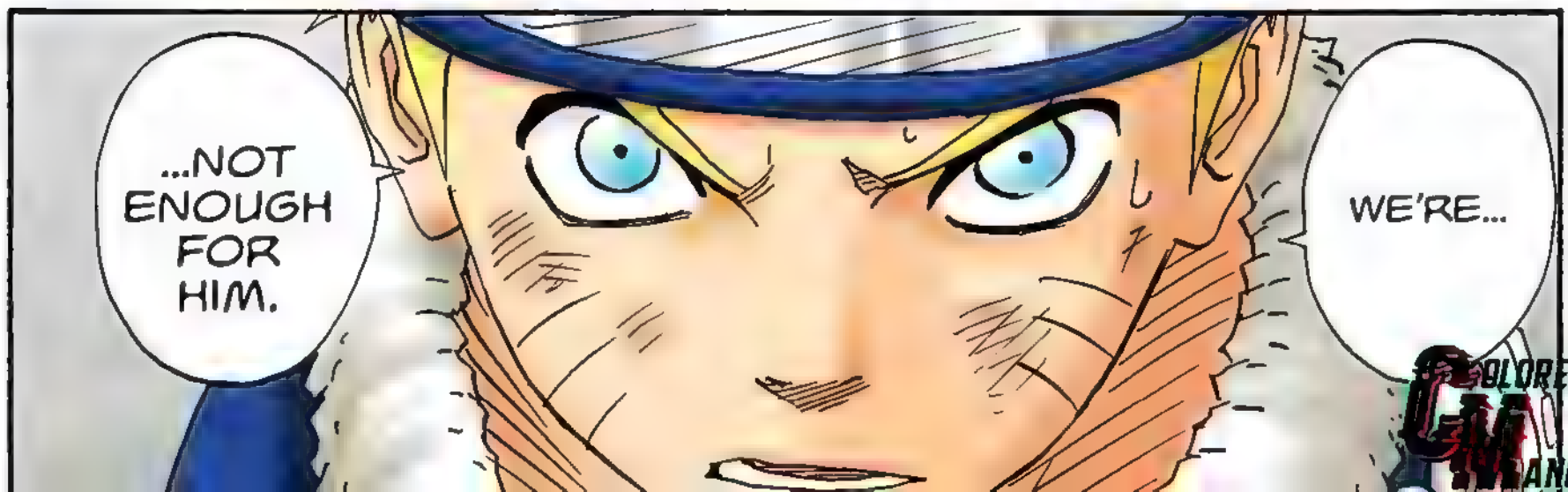


...JUST YOU WAIT.
I WILL KILL YOU ALL...
THAT TIME, HE SAID...


REMEMBER THE TIME WE RAN INTO HIM AT THE HOSPITAL?

HELP ME FEEL ALIVE !
NOW ...


WE DON'T EVEN REGISTER IN HIS SIGHT.
BUT... HE DIDN'T.
EVEN THOUGH IT WAS HIS BEST CHANCE...


...NOT ENOUGH FOR HIM.
WE'RE...

...IS SASUKE!

RIGHT NOW, THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN SATISFY HIM...

IF ALL OTHER PEOPLE EXIST TO MAGNIFY THAT LOVE, THEN THERE IS NO MORE SPLENDID WORLD THAN THIS ONE.

I WOULD FIGHT ONLY FOR MYSELF AND LOVE ONLY MYSELF.

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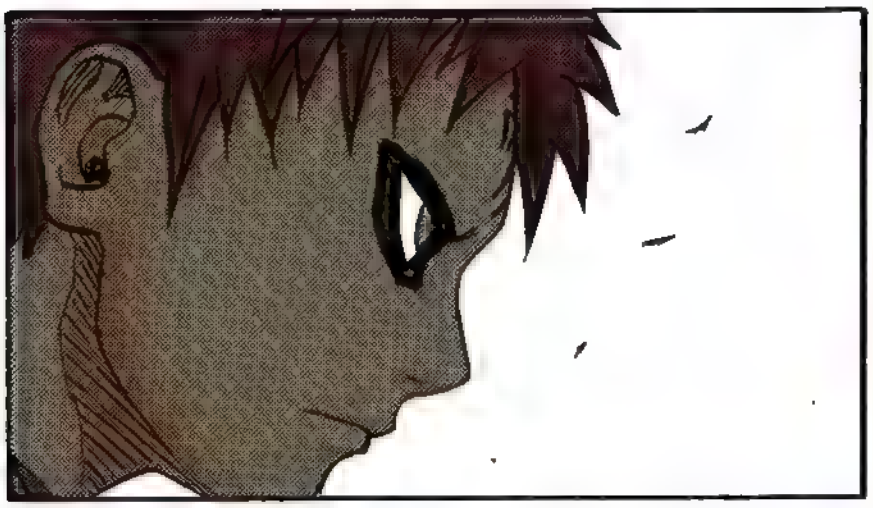

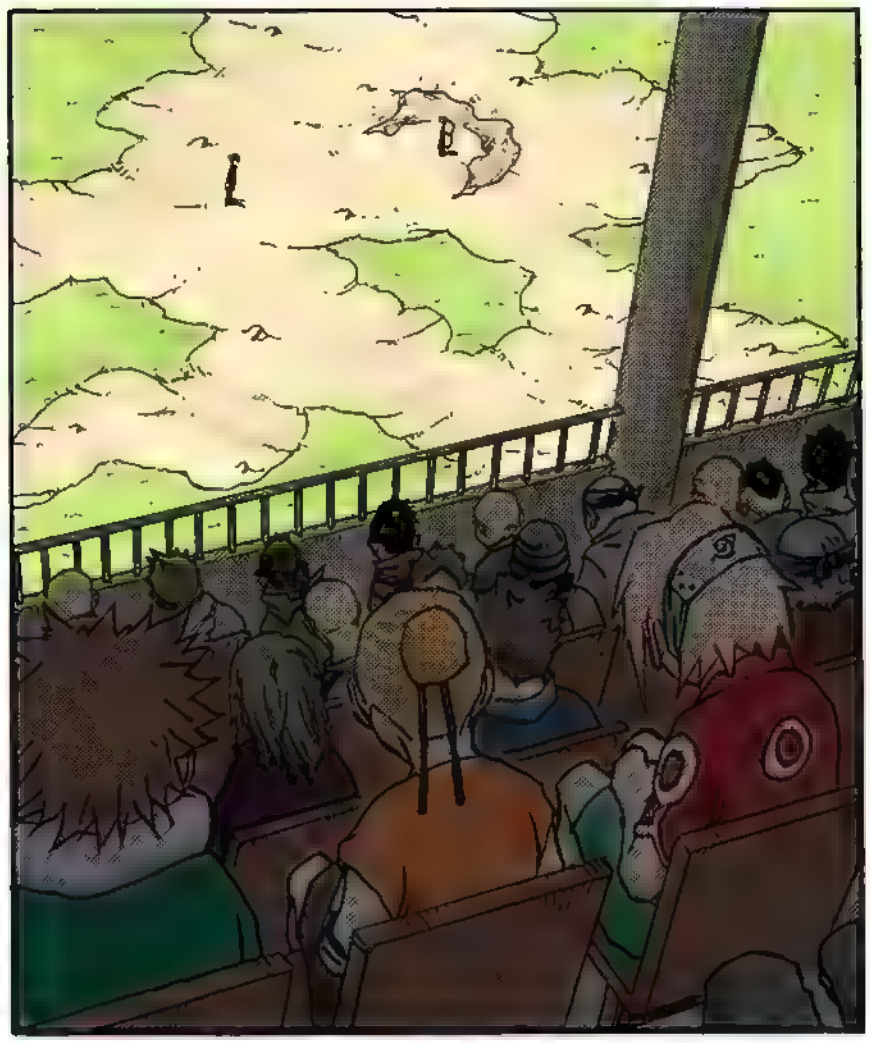

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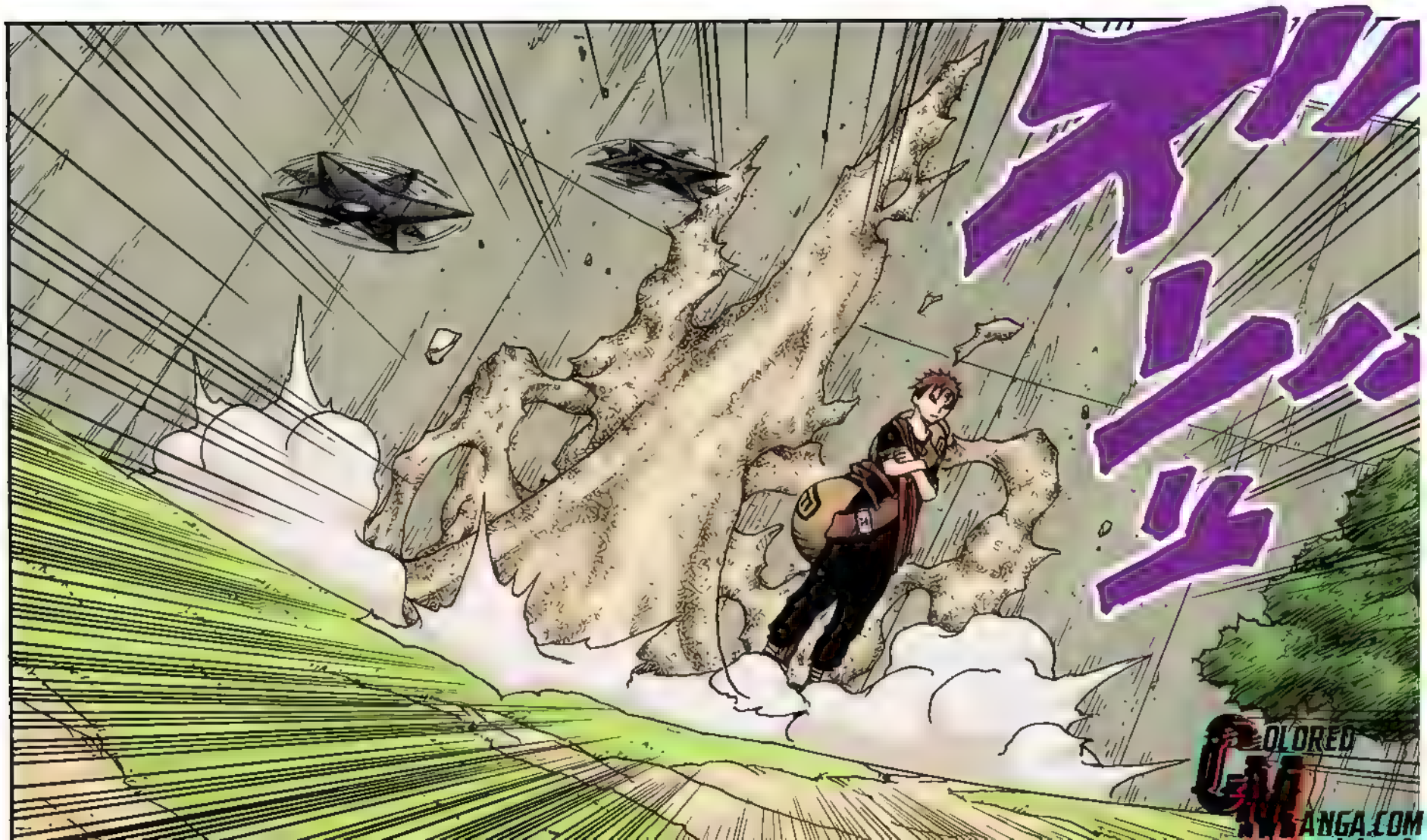
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HIS SAND SHIELD TRANS-FORMED INTO A SAND CLONE...!!

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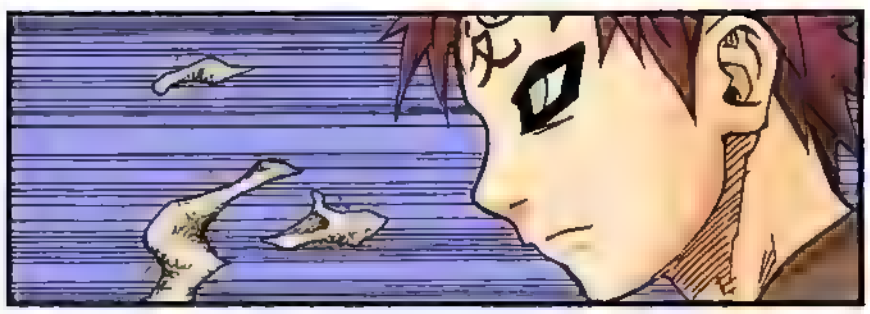

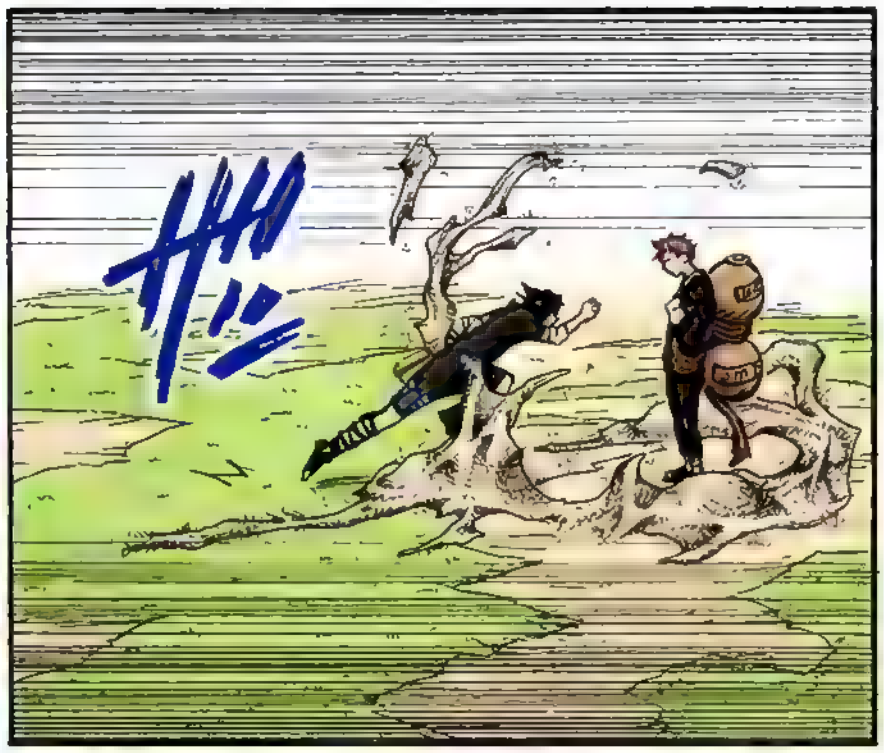

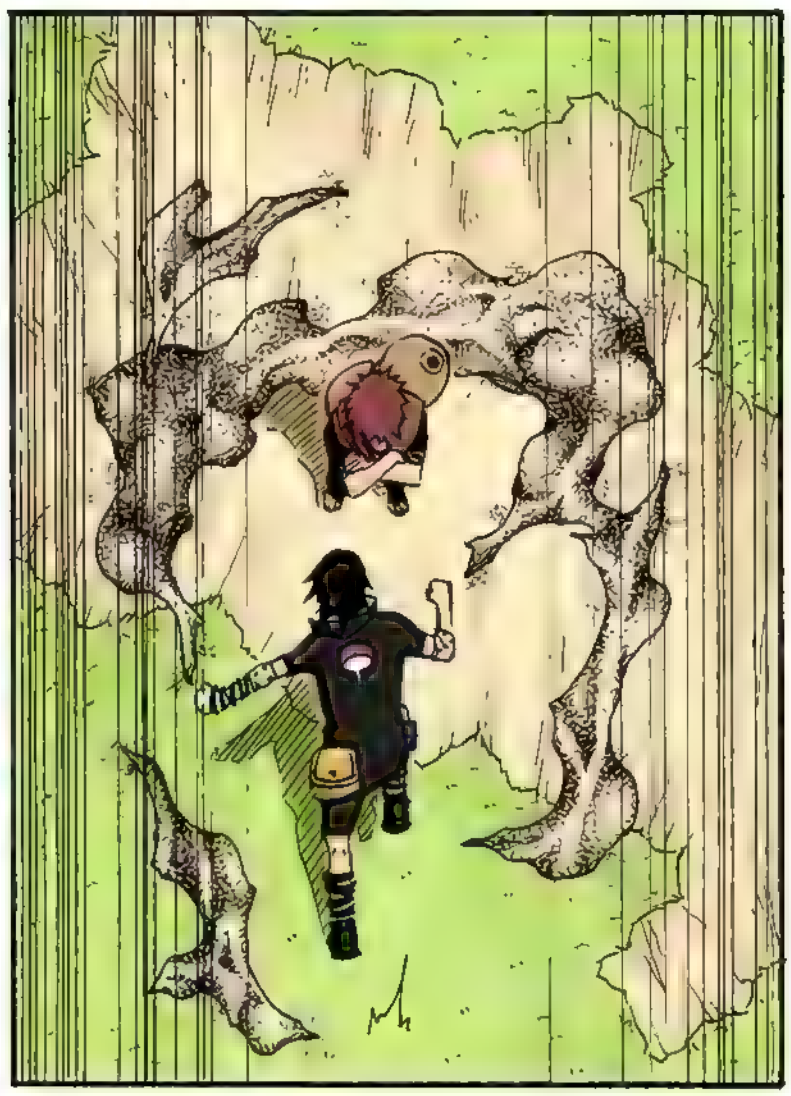

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JUST LIKE... HIM...

FAST!

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AND...

HE'S QUICK!! HE'S ALMOST AS FAST AS LEE'S AVERAGE SPEED...

MY TAIJUTSU IMAGE!!

HIS STANCE MATCHES...

IS THAT YOUR SAND ARMOR?

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SASUKE'S TAIJUTSU!!

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IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO COME TO ME, I'LL GO TO YOU!

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HE'S SO FAST!

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WHAT'S THE MATTER... THAT ALL YOU CAN DO?

W-WOW.

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I'LL RIP IT OFF OF YOU.

THAT ARMOR OF YOURS ...

KUAAAAAA!!!

...AS LEE WITHOUT HIS WEIGHTS.

THAT'S PRACTICALLY THE SAME SPEED...

EVEN HIS SPEED IS A LOT GREATER THAN BEFORE!

I-IT LOOKS JUST LIKE LEE'S TAIJUTSU.

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SASUKE... YOU REALLY ARE AN AMAZING GENIUS. IT TOOK ME YEARS TO ACHIEVE THAT LEVEL OF SPEED...

BUT YOU ATTAINED IT IN JUST ONE MONTH...

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO, GAARA? THE SAND ARMOR USES TOO MUCH CHAKRA

YOU CAN'T KEEP IT GOING THAT LONG...

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HOWEVER... MAINTAI- NING THAT SPEED STILL EXPENDS QUITE A LOT OF ENERGY, DOESN'T IT...

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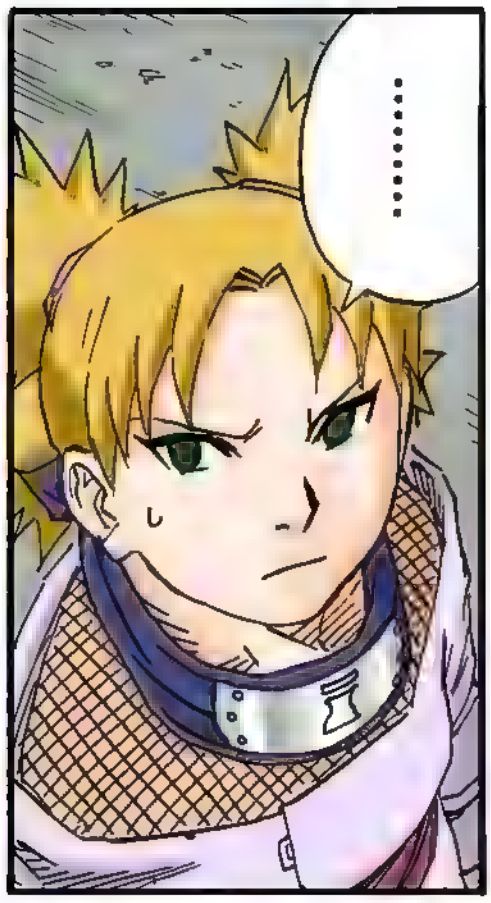

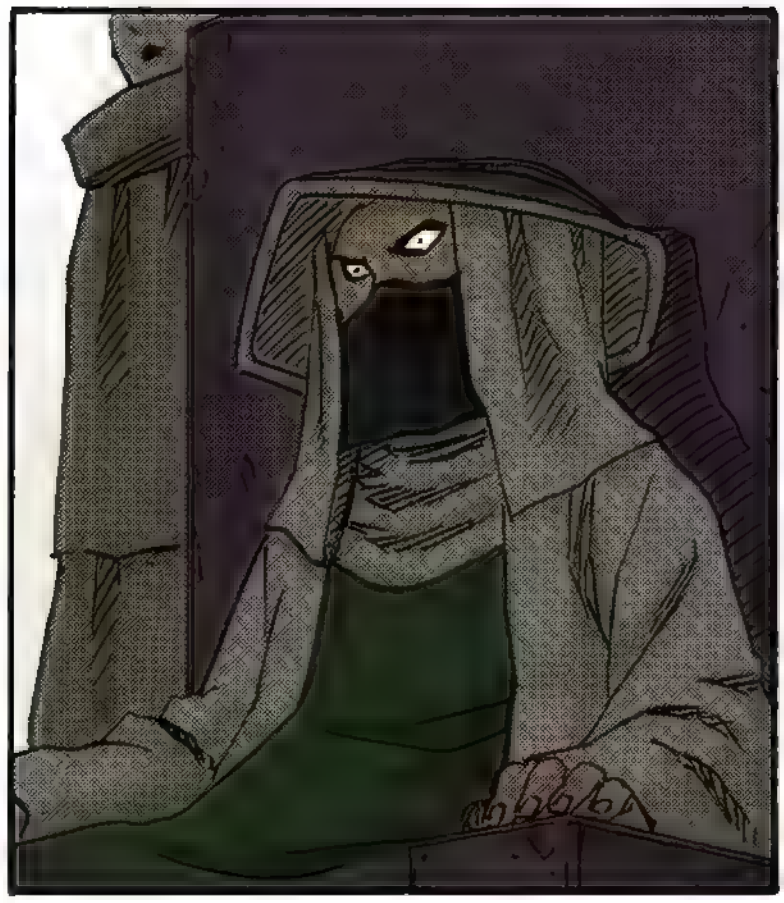

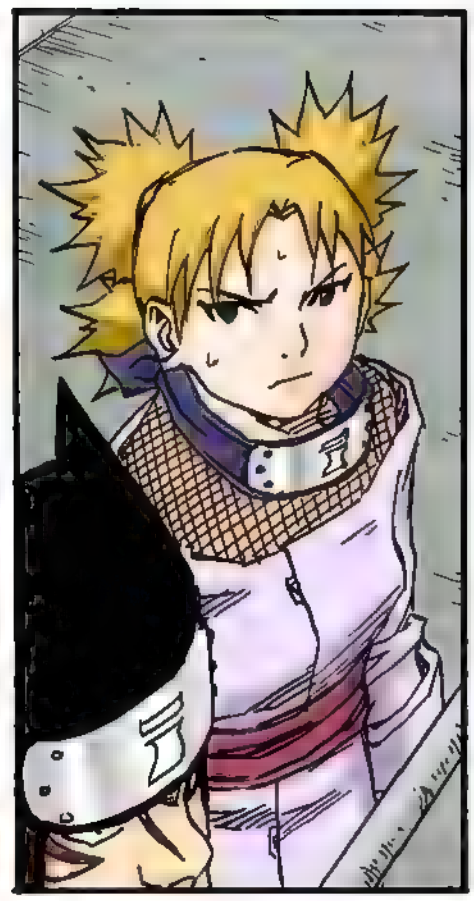

...SO DURING HIS TAIJUTSU TRAINING, I JUST HAD HIM VISUALIZE LEE'S MOVEMENTS.
SASUKE MIMICKED LEE'S TAIJUTSU USING THE SHARINGAN ONCE BEFORE...

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BUT... IF THAT'S IT...

...YOU CAN'T DEFEAT THAT SAND SHINOBI WITH TAIJUTSU ALONE.

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BECAUSE SASUKE KNEW LEE...

...HE WAS ABLE TO MASTER THOSE MOVES.

OF COURSE, IT WAS STILL EXTREMELY DIFFICULT.

HE'S GOT TO KNOW THAT HASTLY ACQUIRED TAIJUTSU ALONE WON'T WORK AGAINST GAARA, WHOM EVEN LEE COULDN'T DEFEAT...

THEN...

KAKASHI...

I KNOW HE WATCHED THE MATCH BETWEEN THAT DETESTABLE GAARA AND MY CHARMING LEE..

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WHY DID HE HAVE SASUKE HONE JUST HIS TAIJUTSU?!

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FOR WHAT PURPOSE DO I EXIST? WHY AM I ALIVE?

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I EXIST TO KILL ALL HUMANS OTHER THAN MYSELF.

WHILE I CONTINUE TO LIVE, I NEED A **REASON.**

WHAT ARE YOU THINKING...?

LET'S GO UP TO MASTER KAKASHI!

SHIKA-MARU ...

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HEY!

I'M GOING TO...

...STOP THIS MATCH!!

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DON'T TELL ME GAARA'S INITIATING **THAT** JUTSU?!?!

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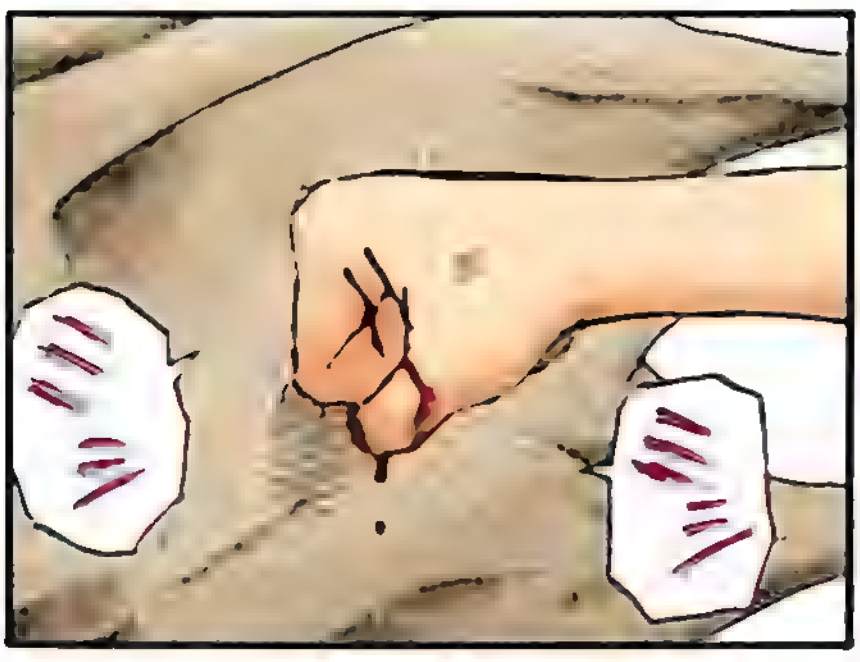

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HE'S MOBILIZED HIS SAND INTO DEFENSIVE MODE...

BECAUSE OF SAND'S DENSITY, I DIDN'T THINK HE COULD CREATE SOMETHING THIS SOLID...

SO THIS IS THE MEANING OF AN ABSOLUTE DEFENSE, HUH?

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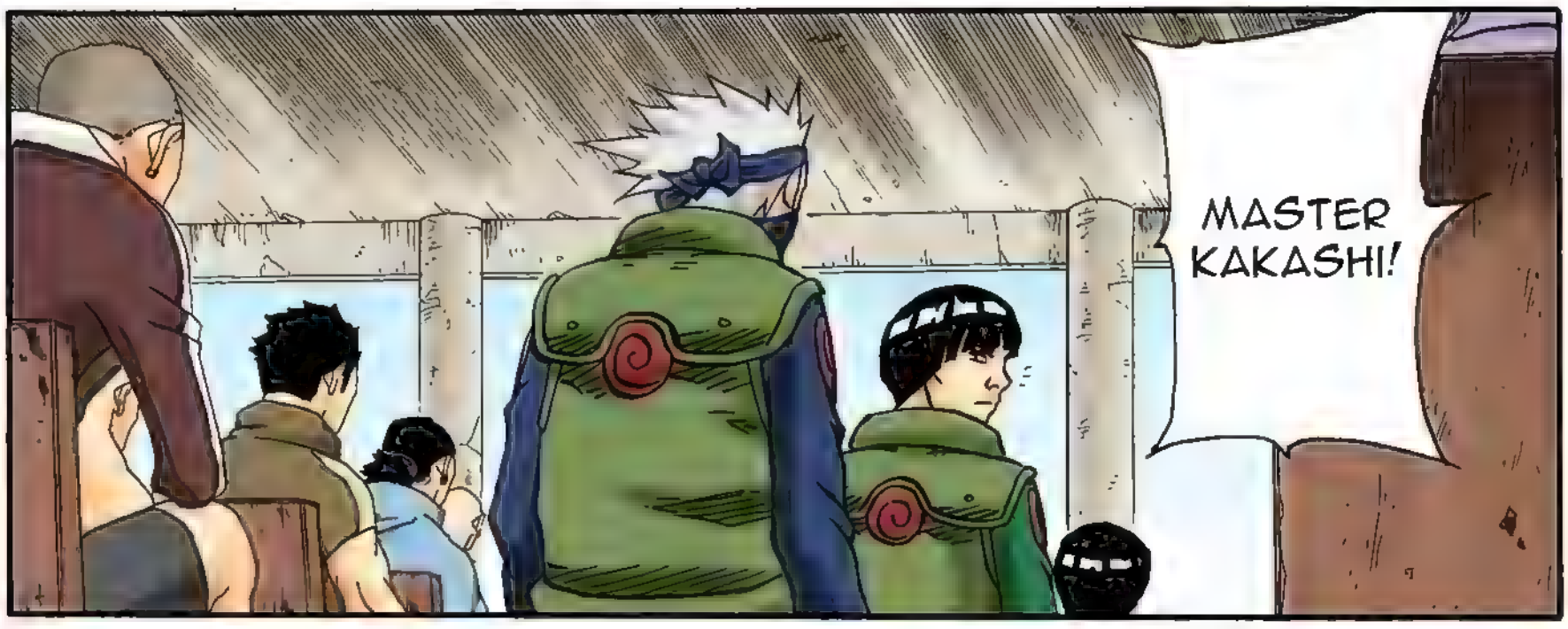
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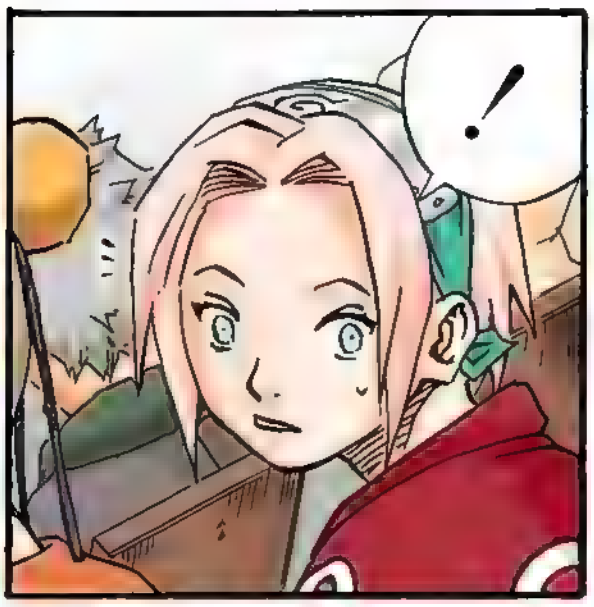
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WHAT'S UP?

YO!

PLEASE STOP THIS MATCH RIGHT AWAY!

MASTER!

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...WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT--?

NARUTO...

HE'S NOT NORMAL!

HE'S COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM THE REST OF US!

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AND...

HE LIVES TO KILL OTHERS!

*JIN** MONKEY SNAKE MONKEY...

...IF THEY KEEP GOING, SASUKE'LL DIE!!

* *Jin* means Yang Water, one of the elemental influences in the Chinese sexagenary cycle. -Ed.

THERE'S NO MISTAKE, IT'S THAT JUTSU!

NO! GAARA'S SO WORKED UP THAT HE'S NOT REMEMBERING THE PLAN...

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MASTER KAKASHI!!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT!

WELL!

THERE WAS A REASON...

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...WHY WE WERE SO LATE GETTING HERE!

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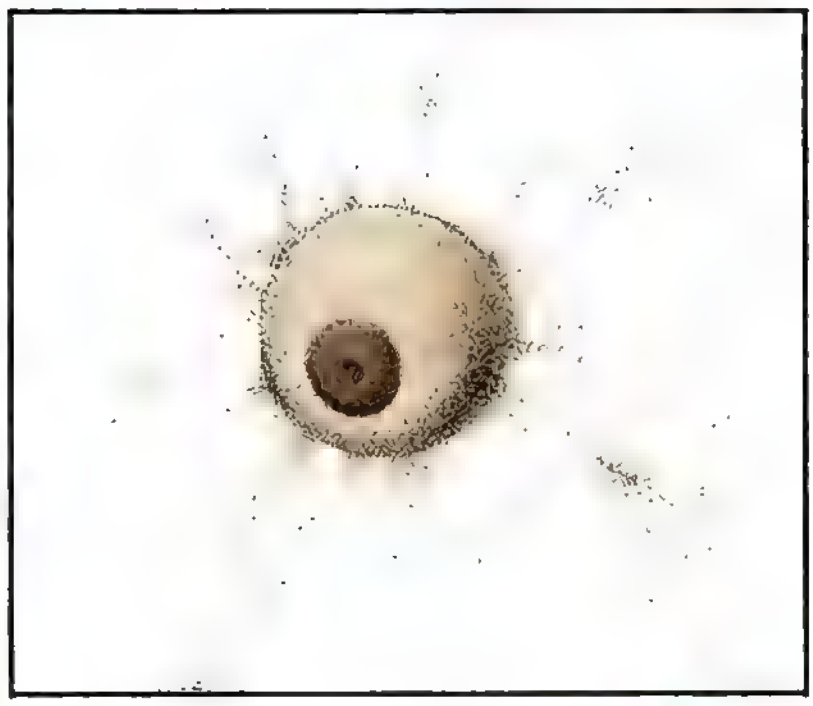
THE REASON HE WAS LATE!!



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JUST AS I FIGURED...

IT'S NO GOOD ...

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....IT'S FINE BY ME. THIS THING OF MINE...

HE'S SHUT HIMSELF INSIDE... I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE'S UP TO, BUT...

RAT MONKEY JIN RAT RABBIT TIGER BIRD JIN...

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IS GOING TO TAKE TIME TOO...

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...MASTER.

HMM...?

YOU REALLY WANT TO KNOW?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY "THERE WAS A REASON WE WERE SO LATE GETTING HERE"?!

JUST BE QUIET AND WATCH HIM...

I'M TELLING YOU, THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO BE CHATTING!!

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YOU'LL BE SURPRISED.

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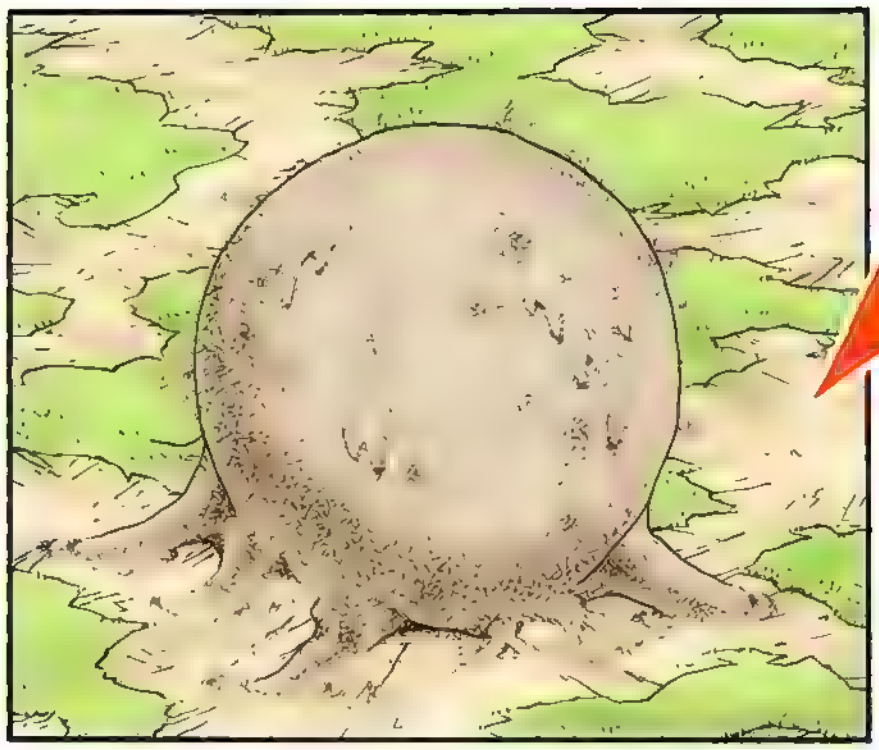
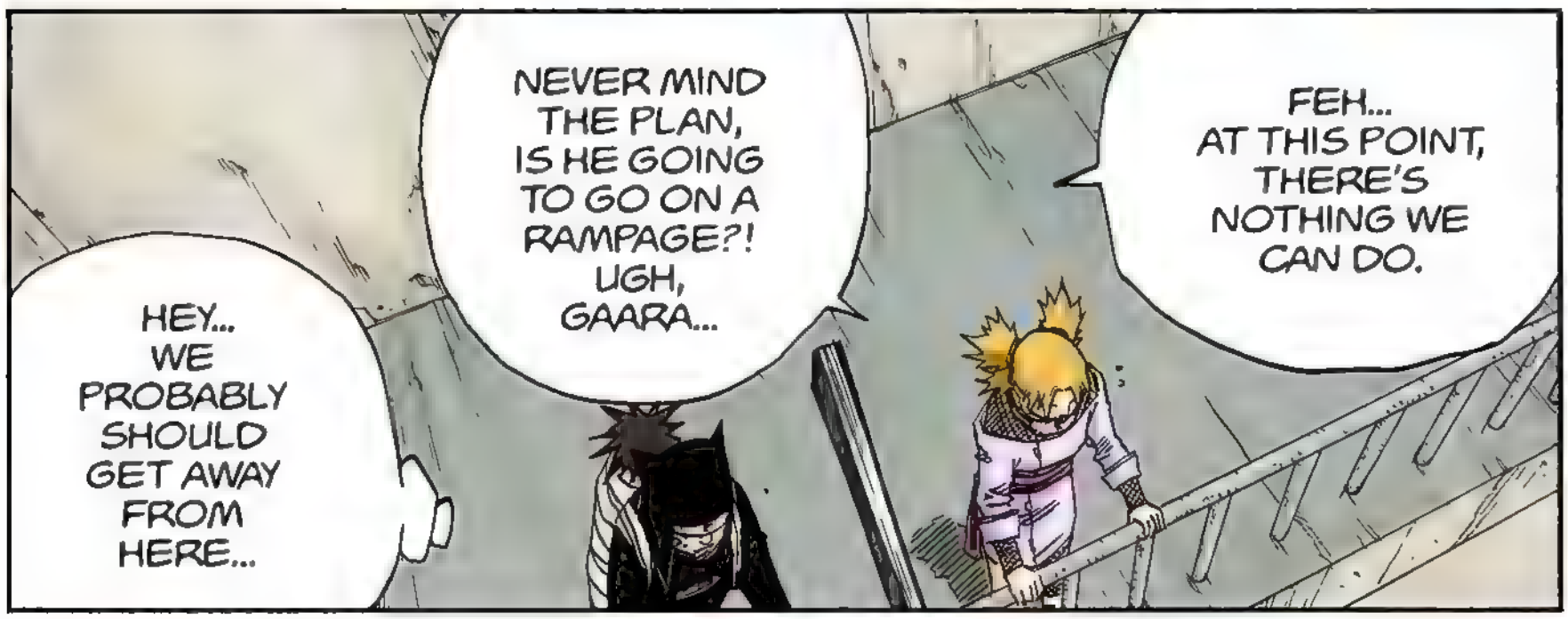
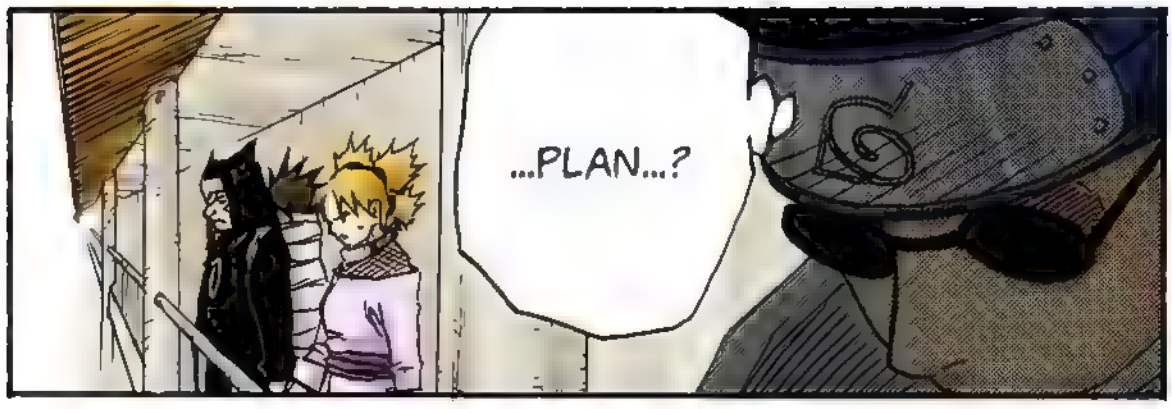
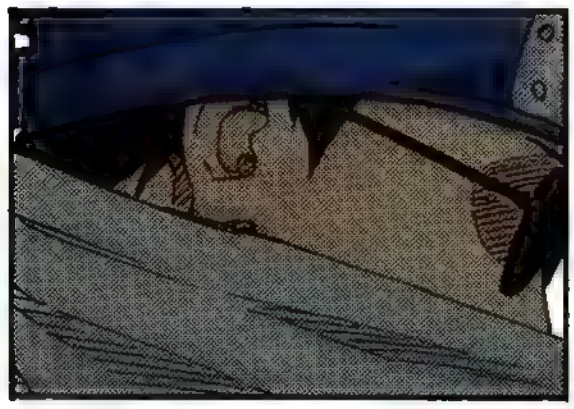



HEY... WE PROBABLY SHOULD GET AWAY FROM HERE...
NEVER MIND THE PLAN, IS HE GOING TO GO ON A RAMPAGE?! UGH, GAARA...
FEH... AT THIS POINT, THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO.





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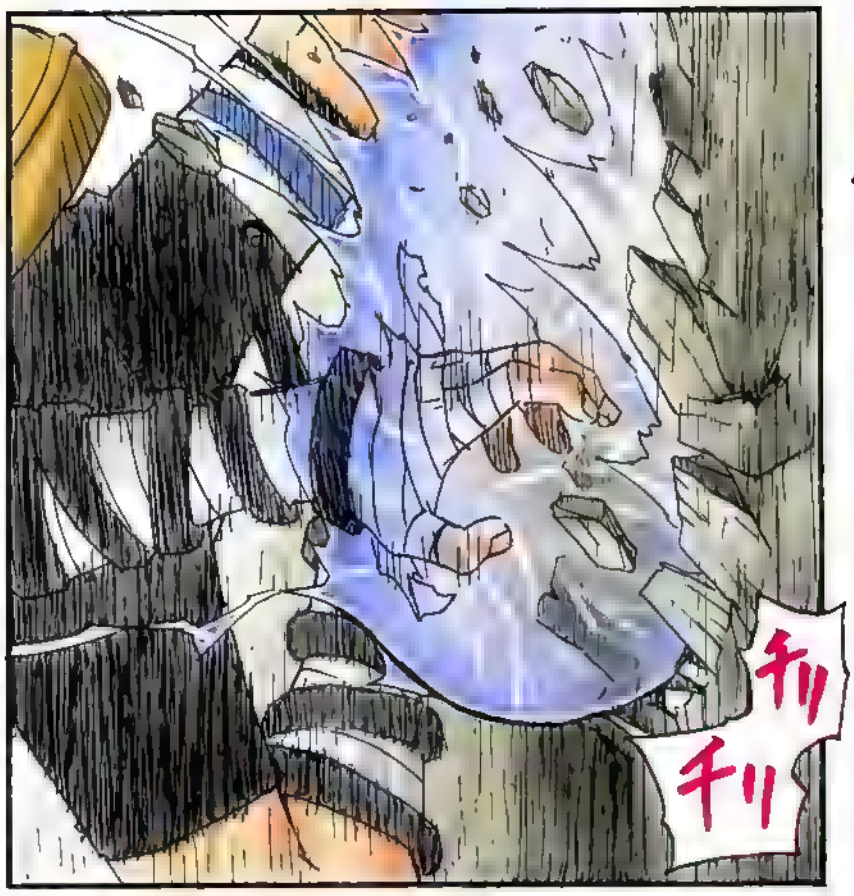

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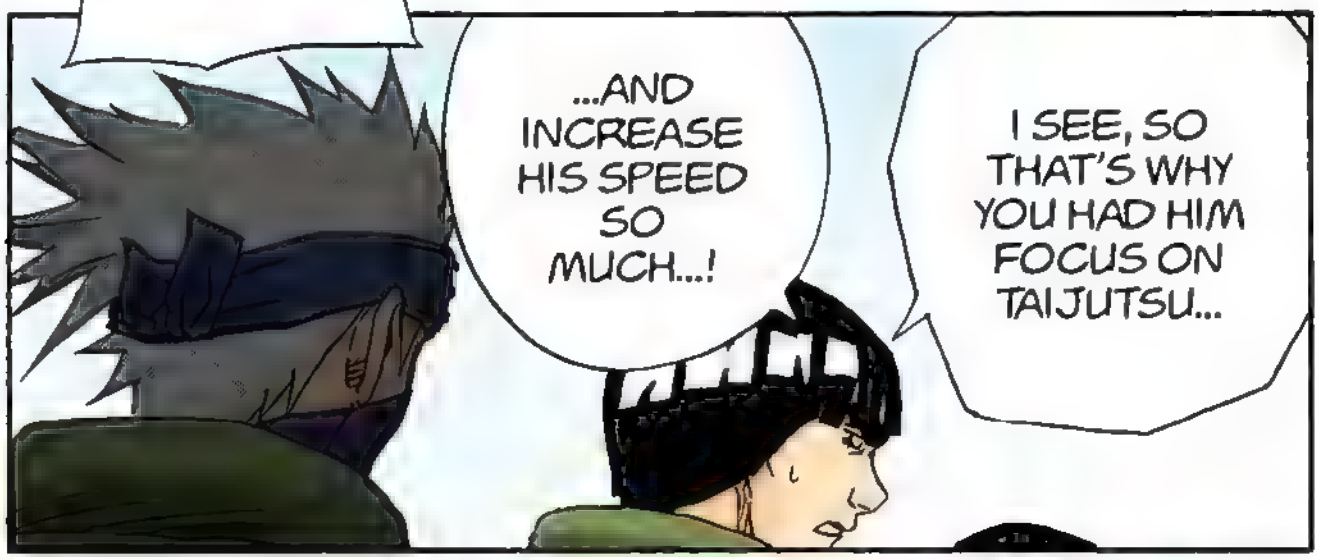

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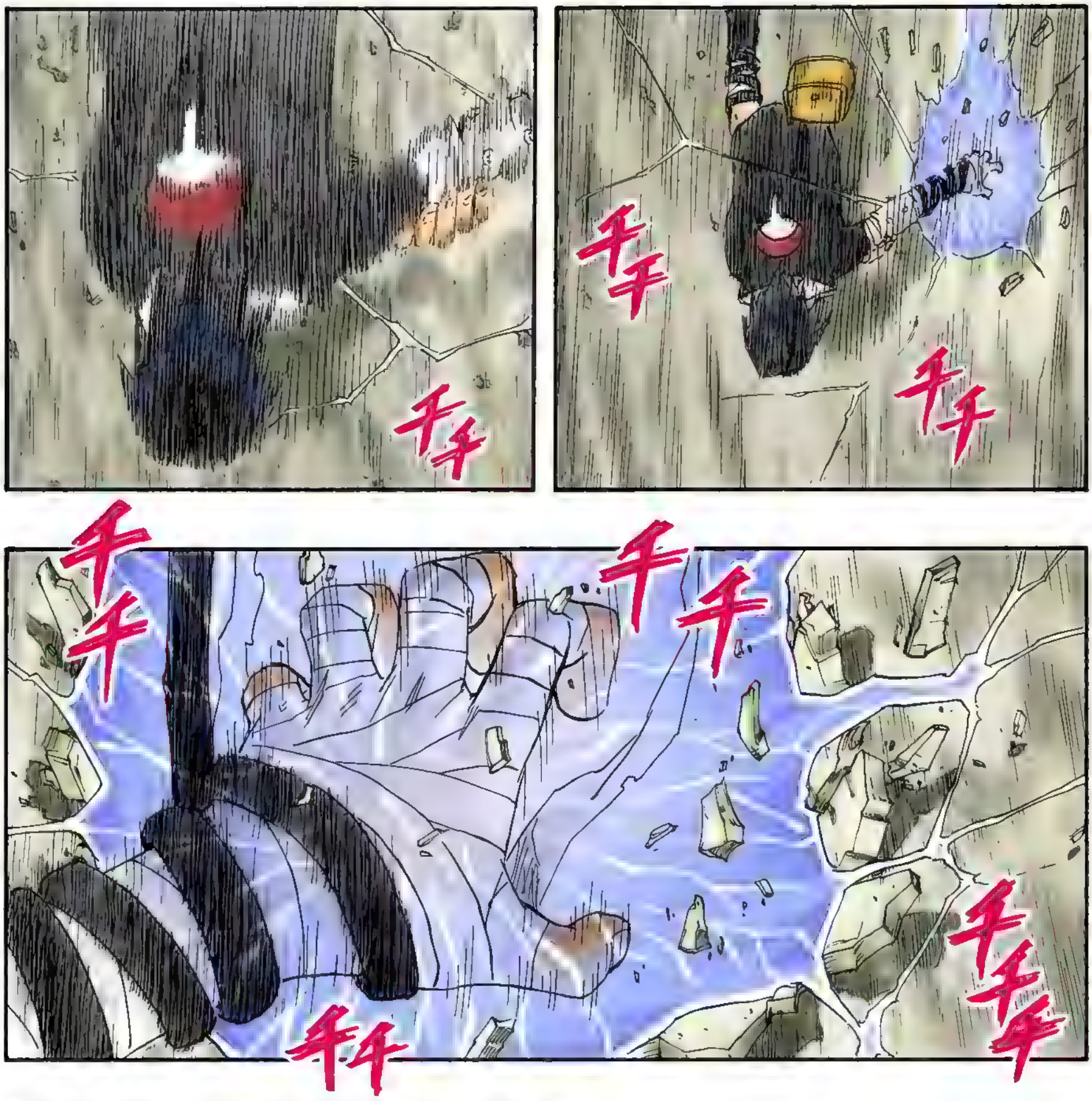
SO THIS IS WHAT THE UCHIHA CLAN IS CAPABLE OF...
I CAN'T BELIEVE... HE'S MASTERED THAT JUTSU...
W-WOW... I CAN TOTALLY SEE HIS CHAKRA... WHAT IN THE WORLD IS THAT ABOUT?!

I'M GOING TO TEAR HIS HEAD OFF...

UH-HUH ...

...AND I'LL GIVE IT ALL TO YOU.

IF I DO THAT, HE'LL BLEED A LOT...

HUH? HIS HEAD, I SAID...

...AND CRACK IT OPEN AND SPILL HIS BRAINS.

I'M ALWAYS A GOOD BOY...

HEH HEH!

I'LL WATCH.

UH-HUH, LET'S DO IT! MOTHER...

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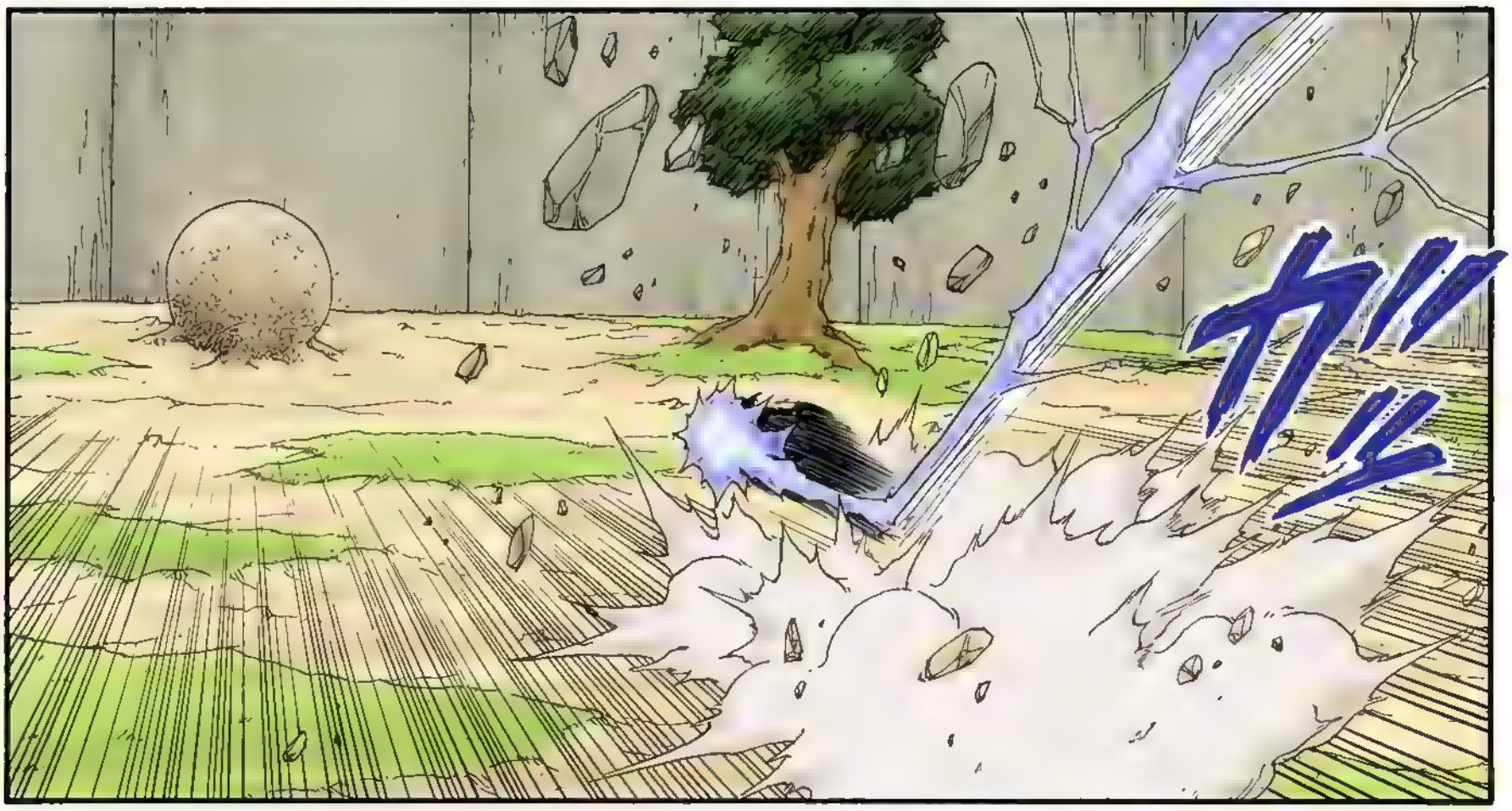

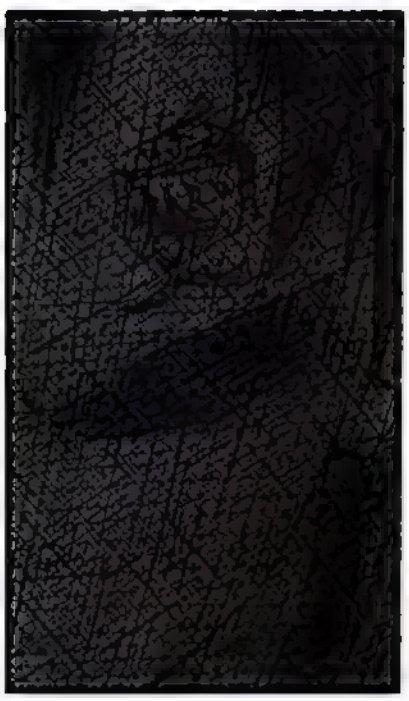

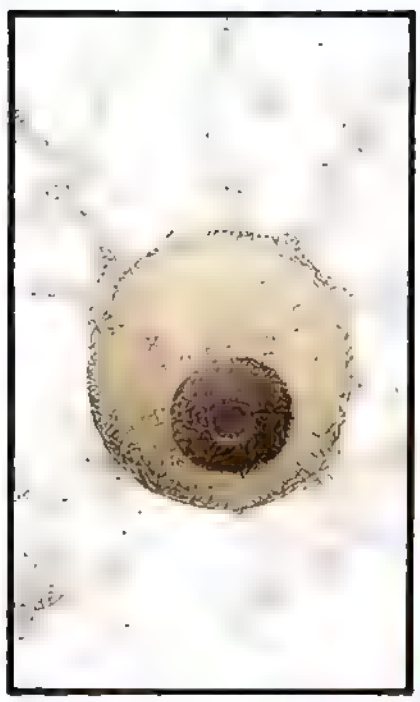

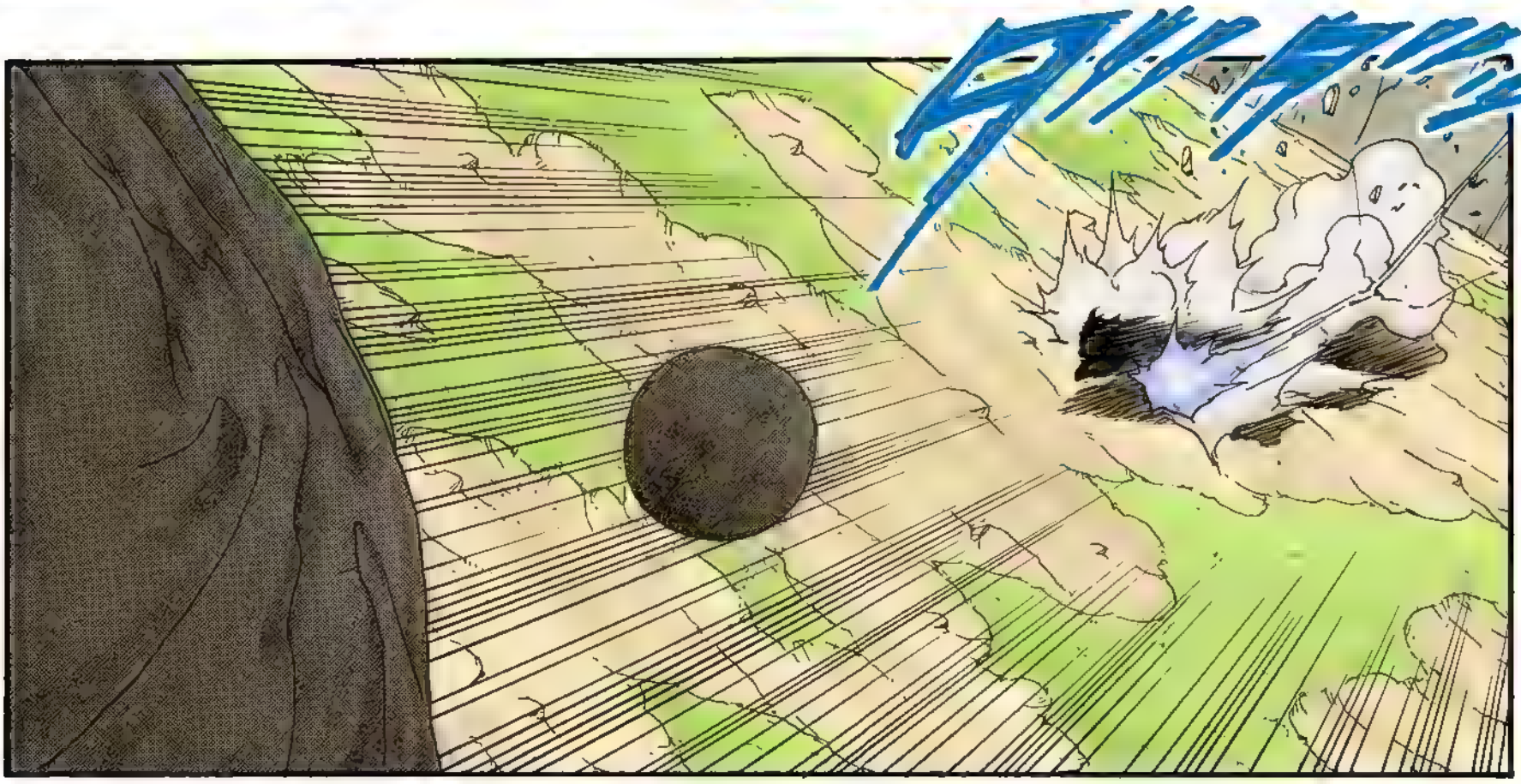

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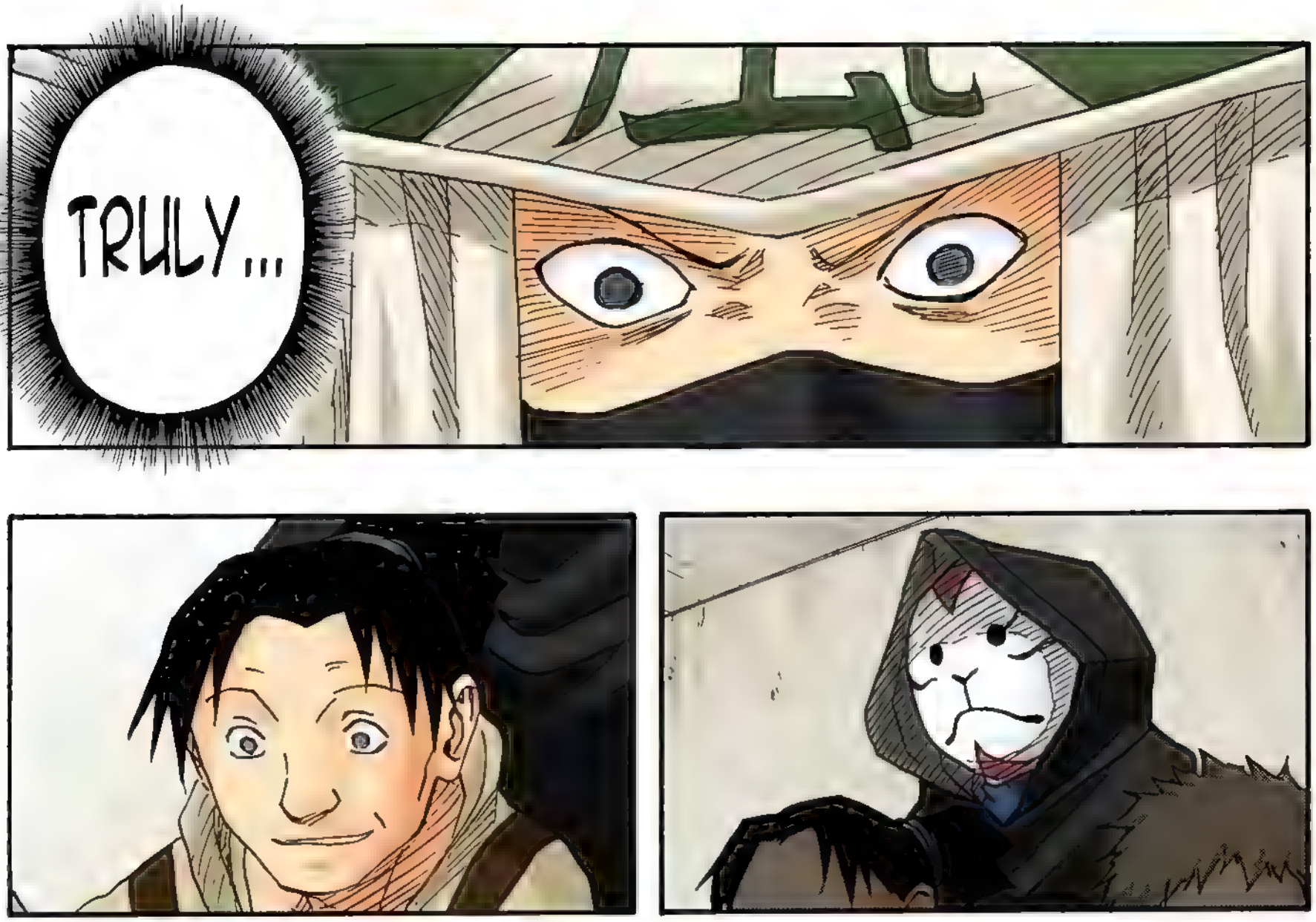

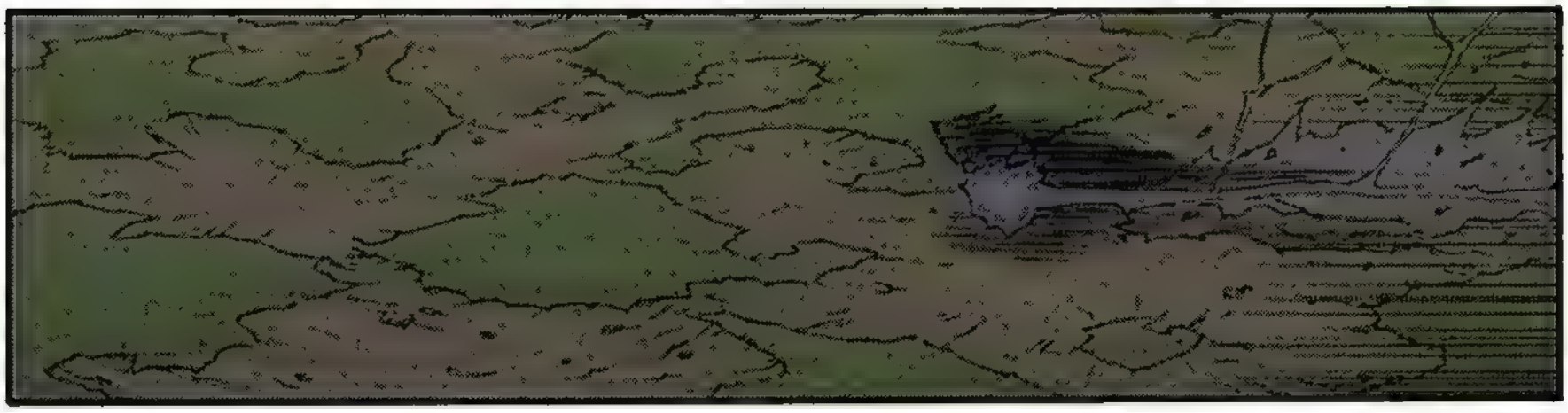

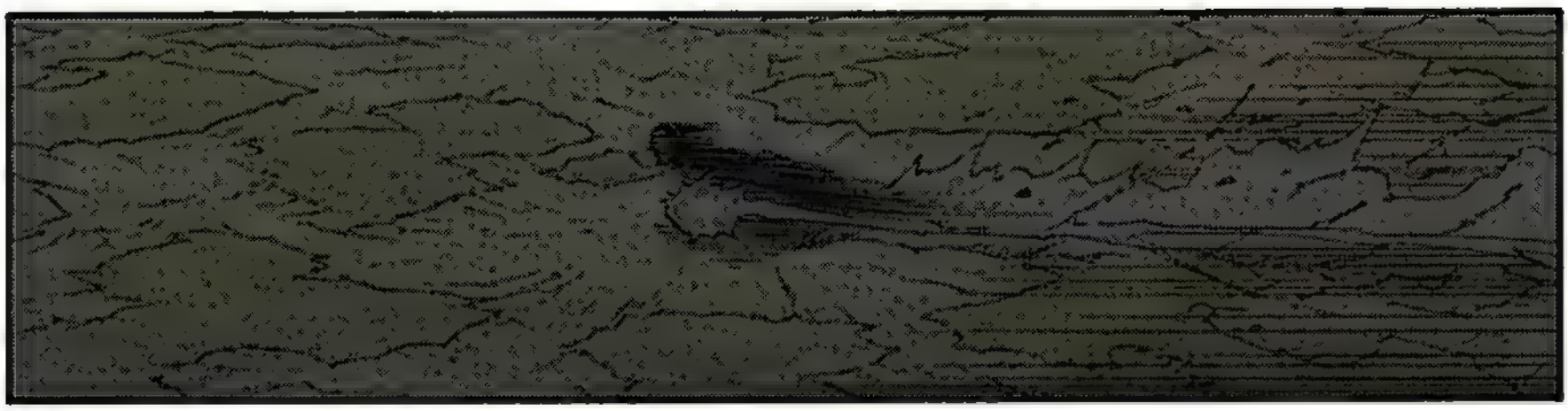

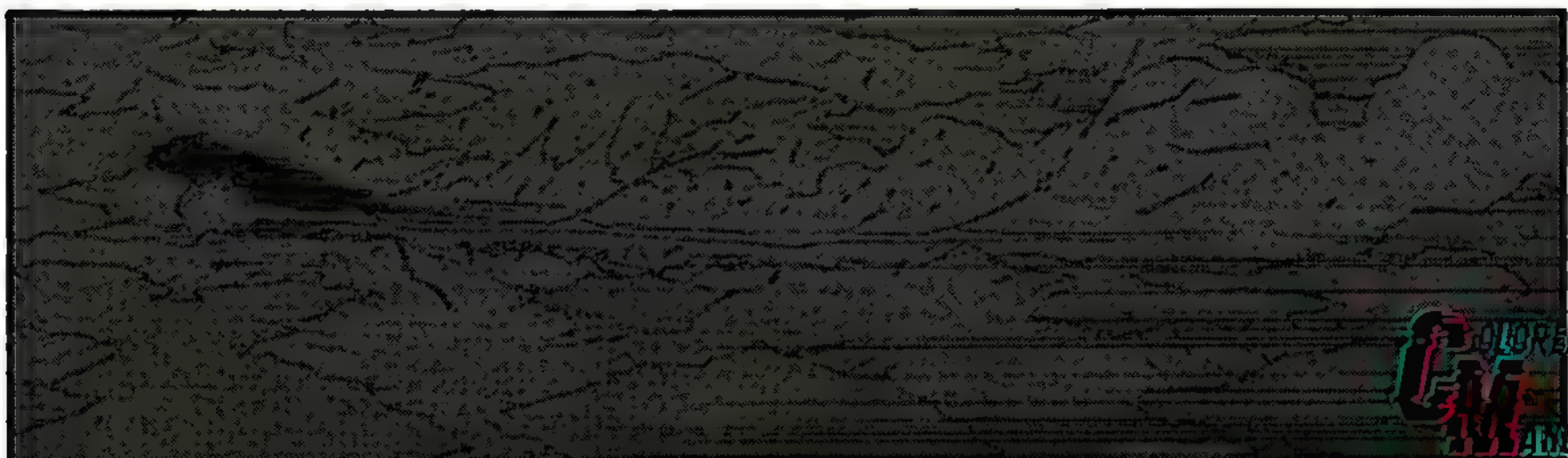

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IT'S **JUST** A HAND CHOP...

AND THAT INCREDIBLE NOISE...

WHAT MOVE IS THAT...?!

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HOWEVER, IT'S A UNIQUE **ORIGINAL** MOVE...

...CRAFTED BY KONOHA'S TOP JUTSU MASTER, COPY NINJA KAKASHI.

HUH?

CHIRP CHIRP CHIRP CHIRP...

BY NARROWLY FOCUSING MASSIVE AMOUNTS OF CHAKRA FROM THE DOMINANT HAND, A PULSING FLUCTUATION FORMS IN THE THRUST...

...RESULTING IN A UNIQUE ATTACK SOUND THAT RESEMBLES THE CRYING OF A THOUSAND BIRDS.

IT'S A MOVE RESERVED FOR ASSASSI-NATION...

...AND THE IMMENSE CHAKRA PRODUCED BY SUPER-ACTIVATING ONE'S FLESH.

THE SECRET IS IN THE SPEED OF THE THRUST...

ACCORDINGLY, THAT MOVE IS CALLED...

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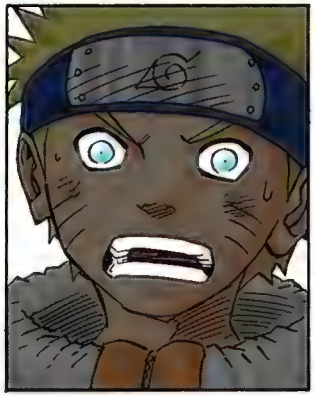

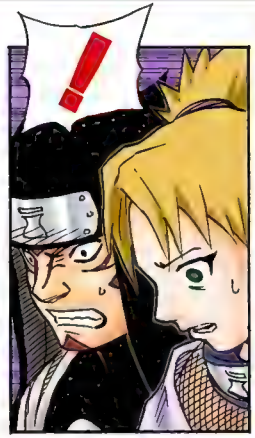

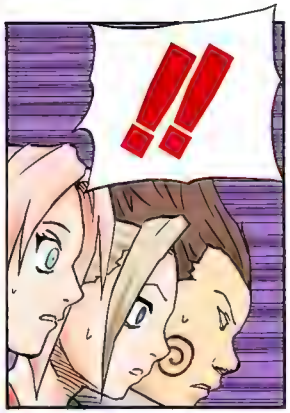

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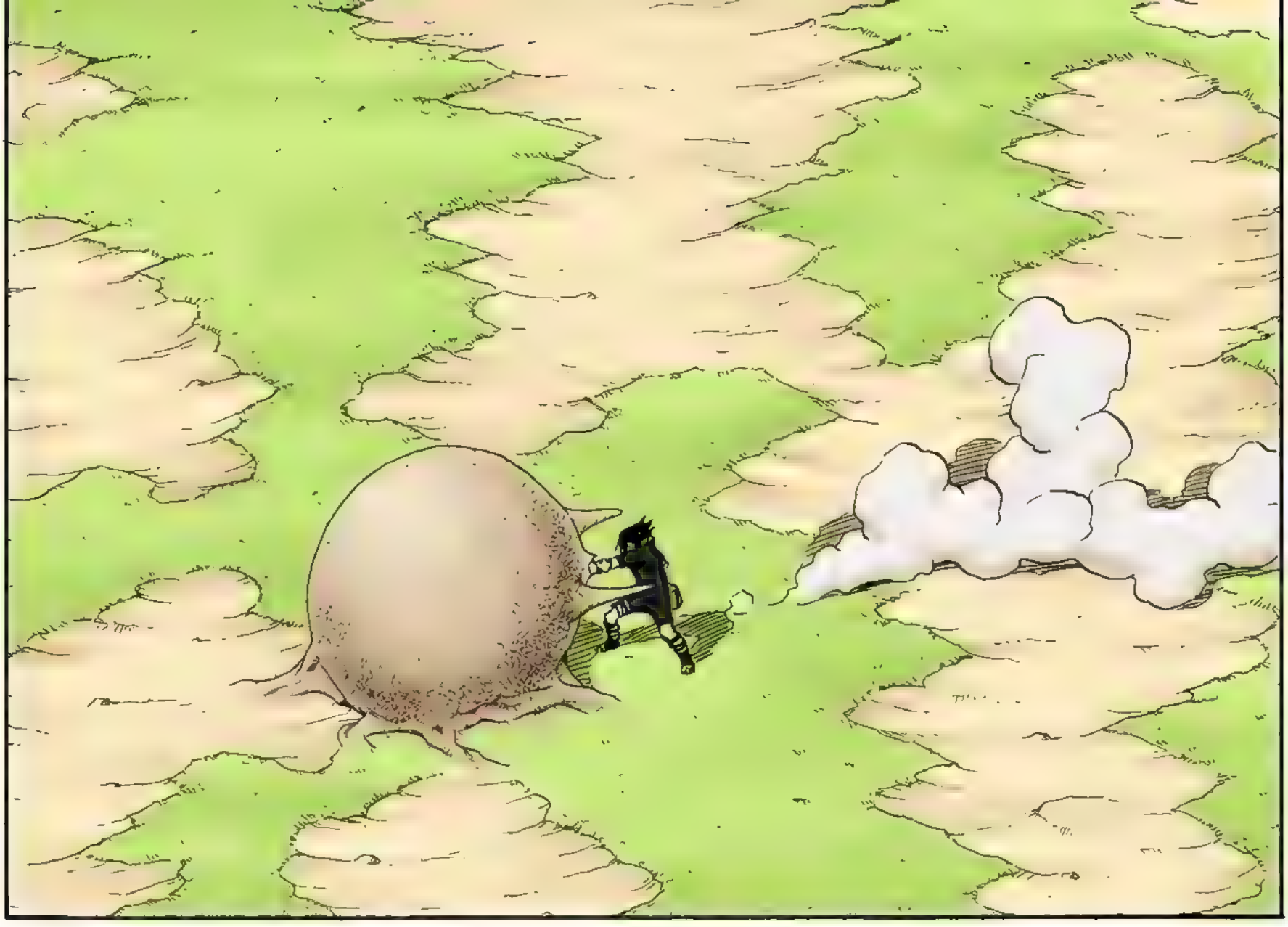

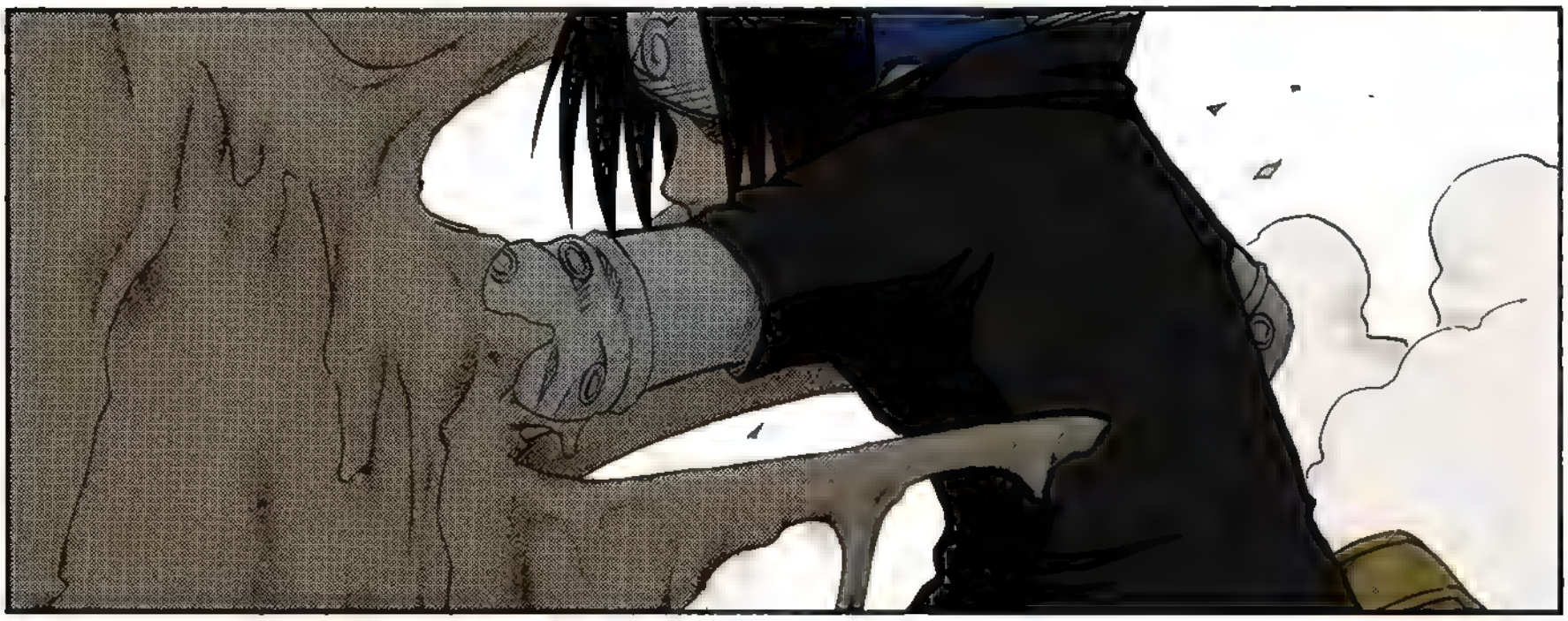

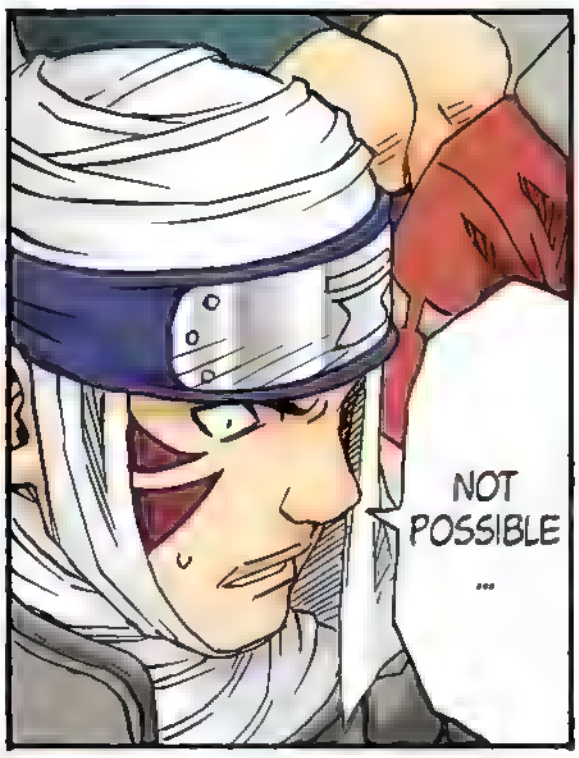

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THAT IS KAKASHI'S...

AMAZING!!

ALSO KNOWN AS RAIKIRI-- LIGHTNING BLADE.

...CHIDORI.

...IS ITS NICKNAME, BECAUSE KAKASHI ONCE SLICED LIGHTNING USING THIS JUTSU.

THE LIGHTNING BLADE...

LIGHTNING BLADE...?

ITS FORMAL JUTSU NAME IS CHIDORI, AND ITS SECRETS LIE IN THE ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE SPEED OF ITS STROKE AND THE IMMENSE CHAKRA FOCUSED IN THE ARM...

W-WOW...

SOUNDS SO HOKEY...

HUH? SLICED LIGHTNING...? WHAT?!

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LIKE YOU REALLY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CRITICIZE ME...

RIGHT, LEE?!

BUT... HOW COULD YOU HAVE TAUGHT HIM SUCH A RECKLESS MOVE...?

...THAT TRANSFORMS IT INTO A BLADE THAT CAN CUT THROUGH ANYTHING.

...EITHER WAY, IT'S AN INCREDIBLE MOVE...!!

THIS IS ALL KIND OF BEYOND THE LIMIT OF MY COMPRE-HENSION, BUT...

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AND I DON'T HAVE THE EYE TO PERCEIVE AND SEE THROUGH THAT COUNTER...

A BEELINE ATTACK IS EASY TO COUNTER OR AVOID...

I UNDERSTAND. IF THAT HAD BEEN ME, I WOULDN'T HAVE LAUNCHED A HEAD-ON FULL-SPEED ATTACK ON MY OPPONENT LIKE THAT...

OR RATHER I COULDN'T HAVE!!

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"IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT YOUR EYE CAN SEE IF YOUR BODY'S TOO WEAK TO ACT!" I WAS BASKING IN A SENSE OF SUPERIORITY BACK THEN.

ONCE, WHEN WE FACED OFF AGAINST EACH OTHER I SAID TO YOU THAT...

HMM

I TRULY ENVY YOUR GENES ...

SASUKE!

YOU'VE ATTAINED A HIGH-SPEED BODY JUST LIKE MINE...

BUT NOW...

GOTCHA!

AND YOU POSSESS THE SHARINGAN AS WELL!!

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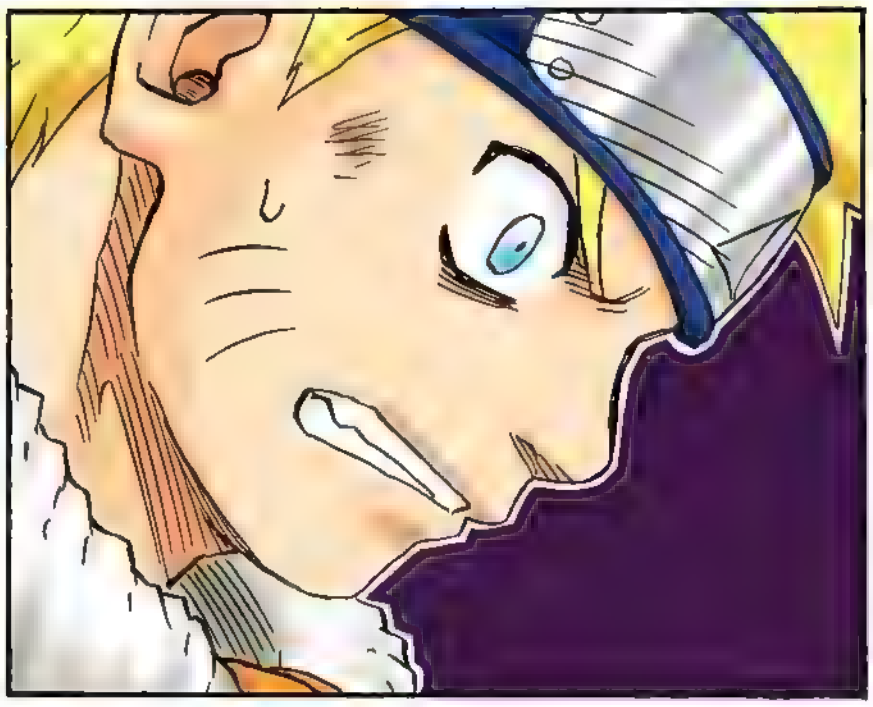
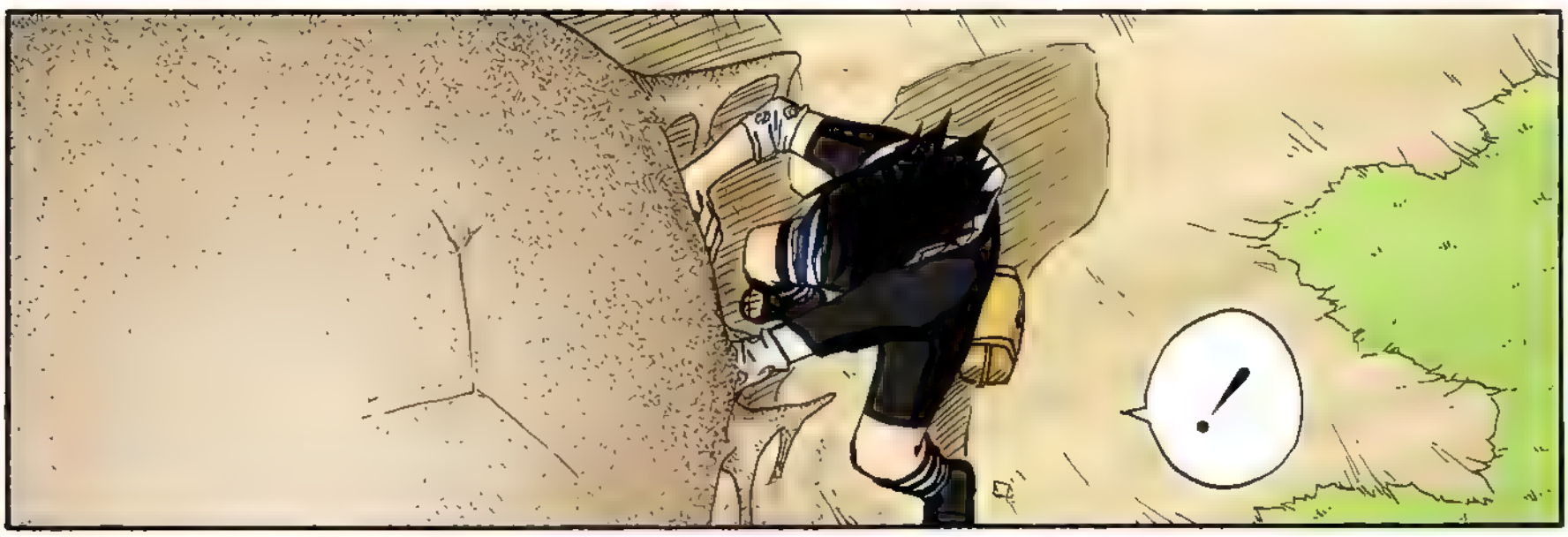


HUH. YOU WERE SO WORRIED ABOUT SASUKE EARLIER...
AND NOW YOU'RE JEALOUS OF HIM...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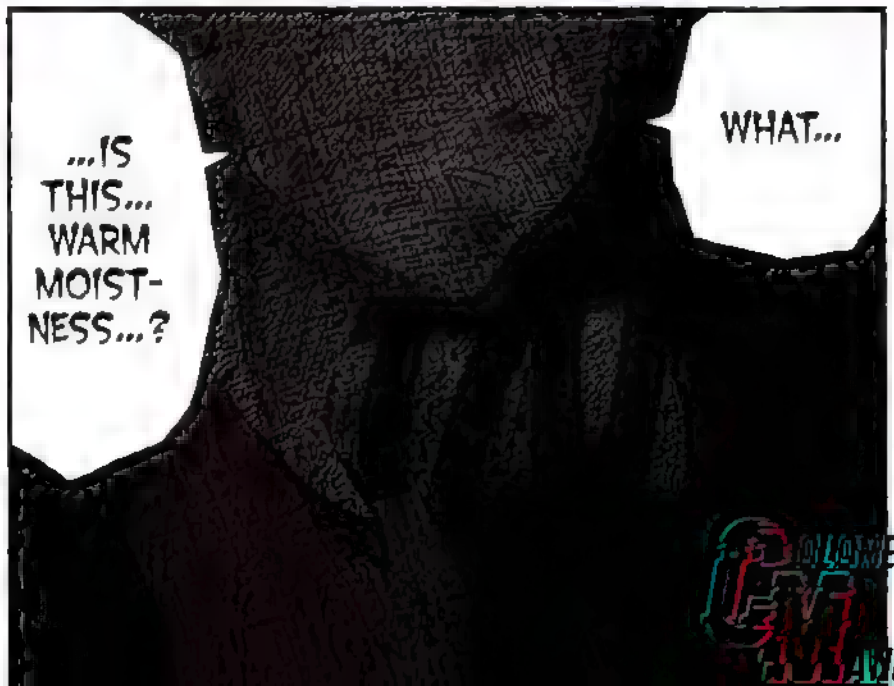
MOTHER... WHAT HAPPENED...?


...IS THIS... WARM MOIST-NESS...?
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BLOOD... I'M BLEEDING!!

WAAAH!!

AAAH...

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D-DON'T TELL ME...?!

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HAH!!

...GAARA'S... BEEN WOUNDED?!

D-DON'T TELL ME...

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UGH!

THAT'S ITS ARM...!!

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WHAT IS THAT?!

DID HE MORPH INTO THE PERFECT POSSESSION FORM?!

I DON'T KNOW...?

IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S INJURED. NOTHING LIKE THIS HAS EVER HAPPENED BEFORE...

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JUST THINKING ABOUT IT GIVES ME THE SHIVERS ...

WHEN I SAW IT, FOR THE FIRST TIME, I LOST MY APPETITE BECAUSE OF THE WAY IT LOOKS...

WHAT IS GOING ON INSIDE?

DARN... WHAT HAS HE GONE AND DONE NOW...

.....!

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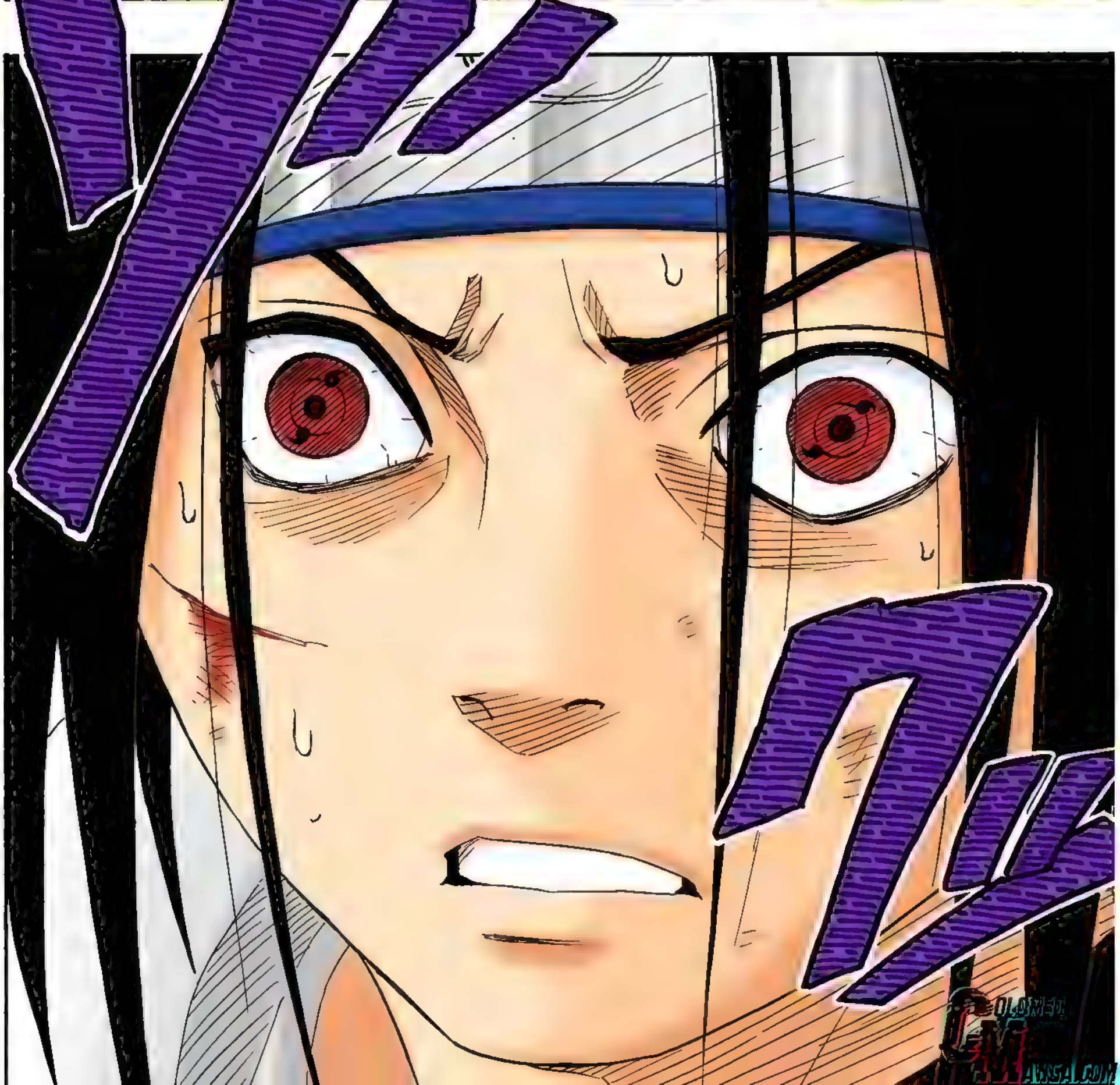

WHAT IS THIS SENSATION ...?

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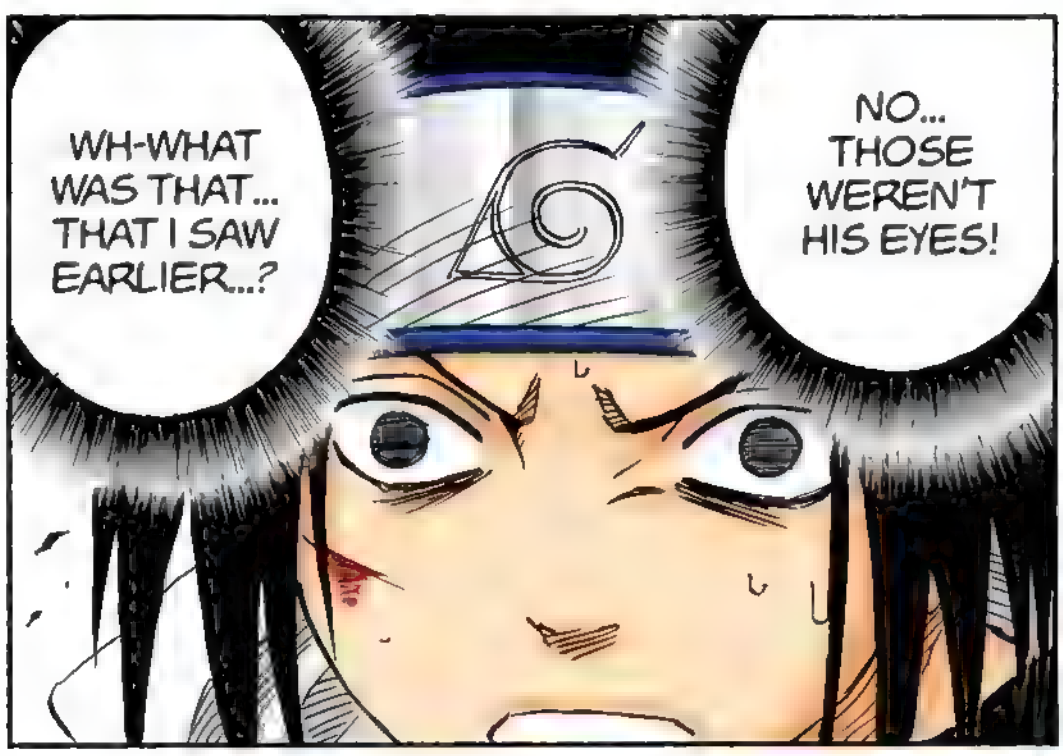
HE *IS* INJURED...

HIS SHELL WAS BREACHED BEFORE HE COMPLETED TRANSFORMING!!



WH-WHAT WAS THAT... THAT I SAW EARLIER...?

NO... THOSE WEREN'T HIS EYES!

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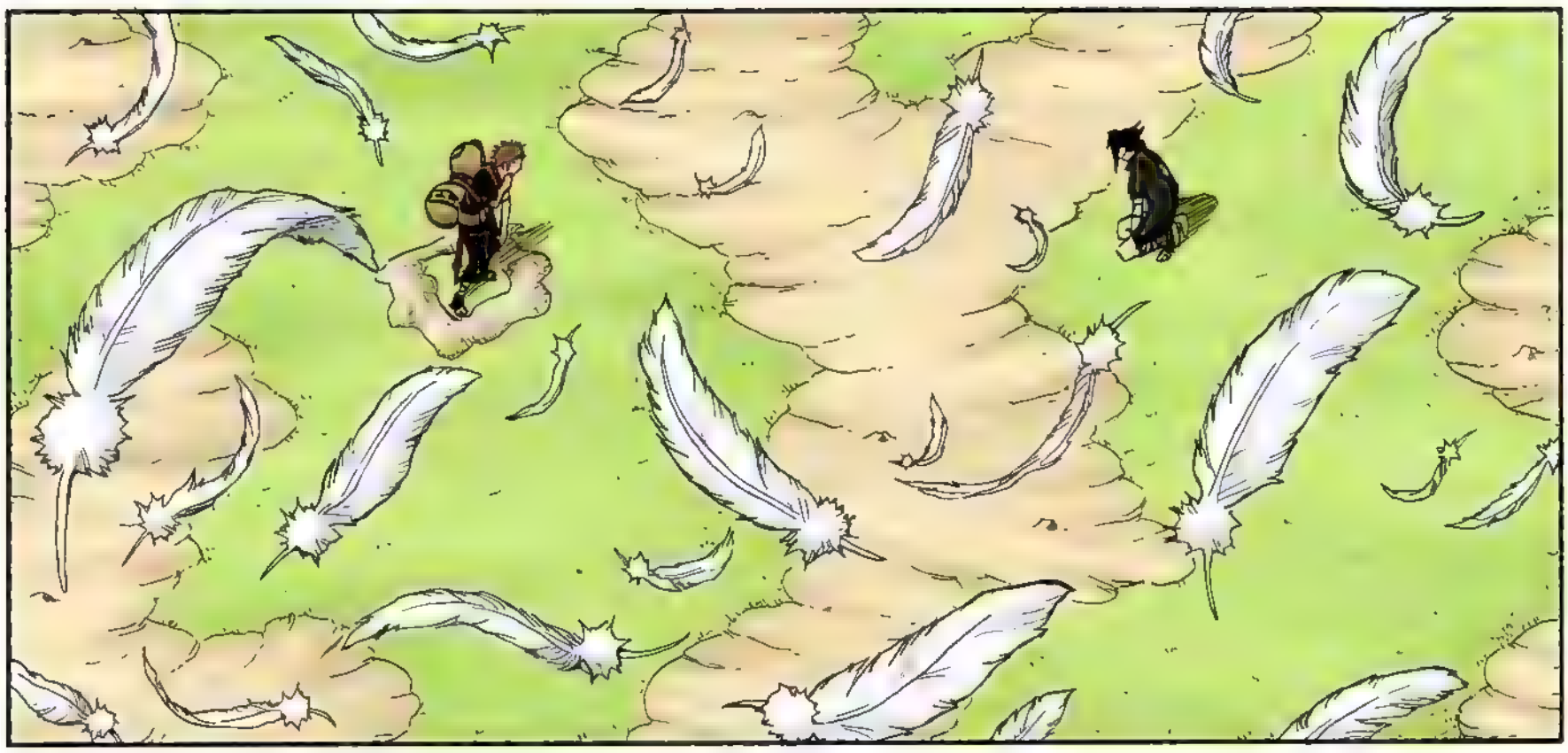

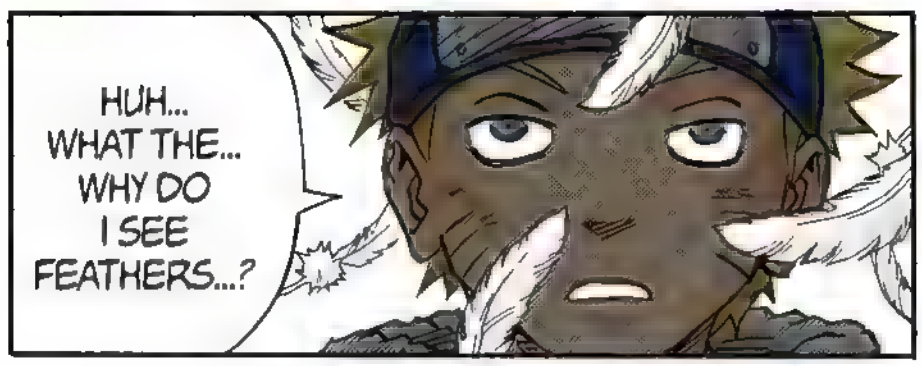

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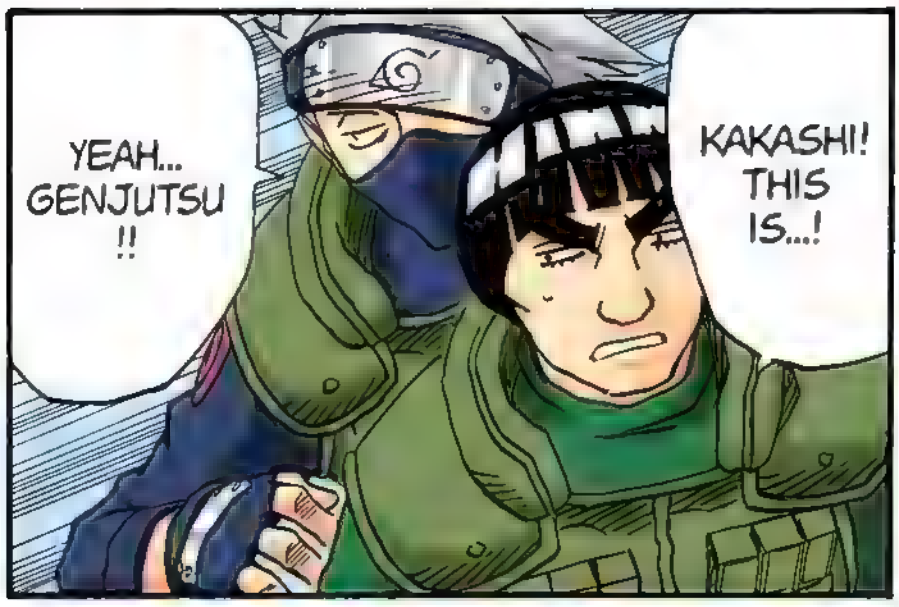
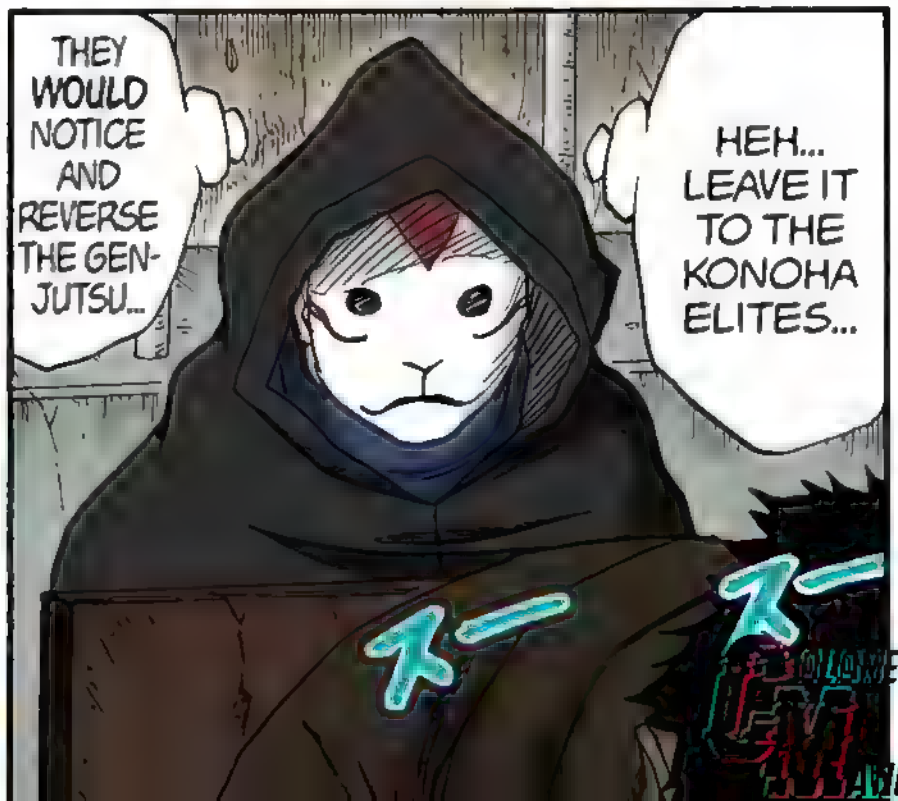

YEAH... GENJUTSU !!
KAKASHI! THIS IS...!

KAI! RELEASE !!

KAI! RELEASE!
WHAT IS GOING ON ?!


THEY WOULD NOTICE AND REVERSE THE GEN-JUTSU...
HEH... LEAVE IT TO THE KONOHA ELITES...

...TIME!!

THEN IT'S ALMOST ...

GENJUTSU! KABUTO'S MAKING HIS MOVE ALREADY HUH?

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SHALL WE GET GOING?

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HI-HI-HI

COMMENCE OPERATION!!

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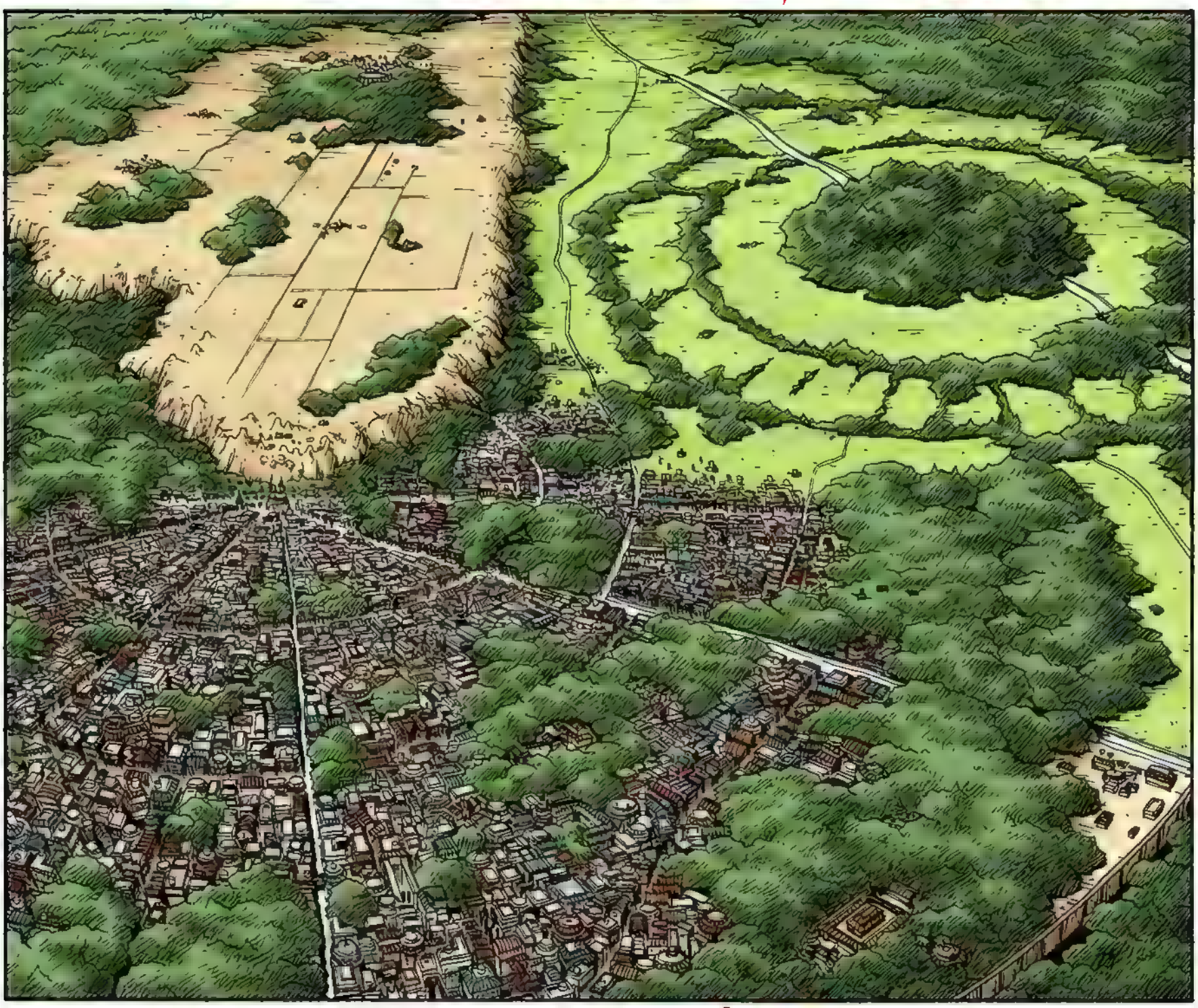

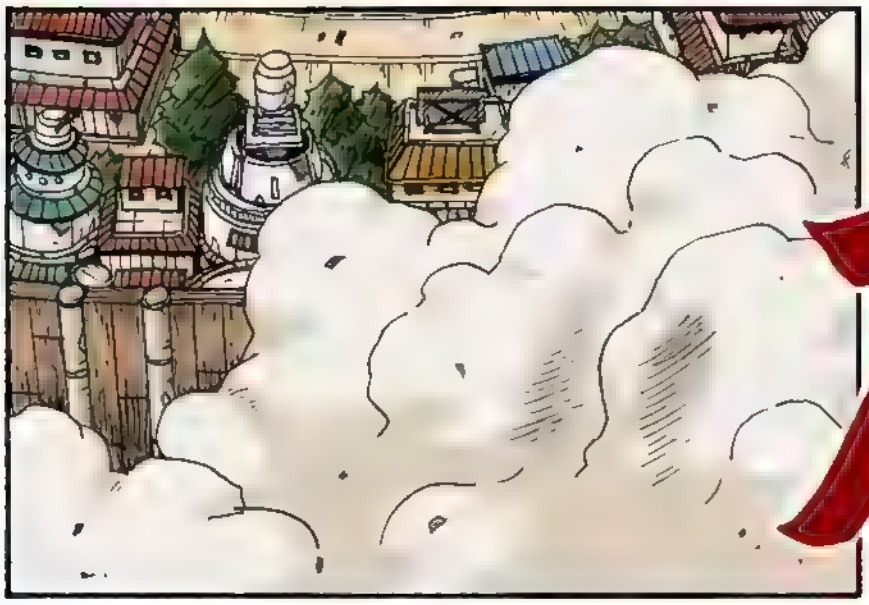

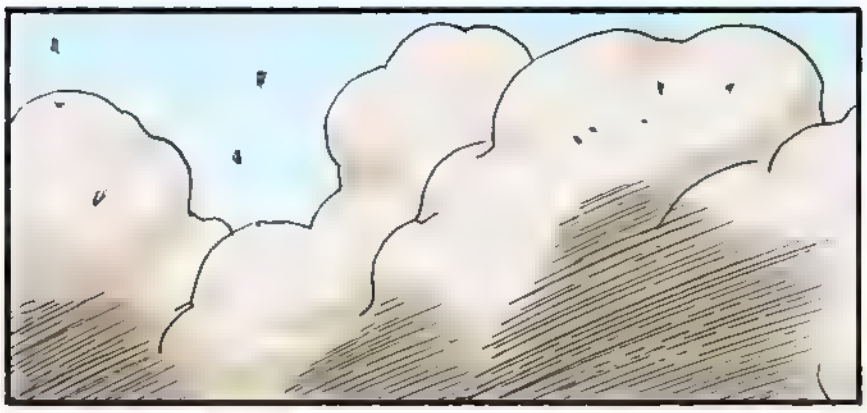

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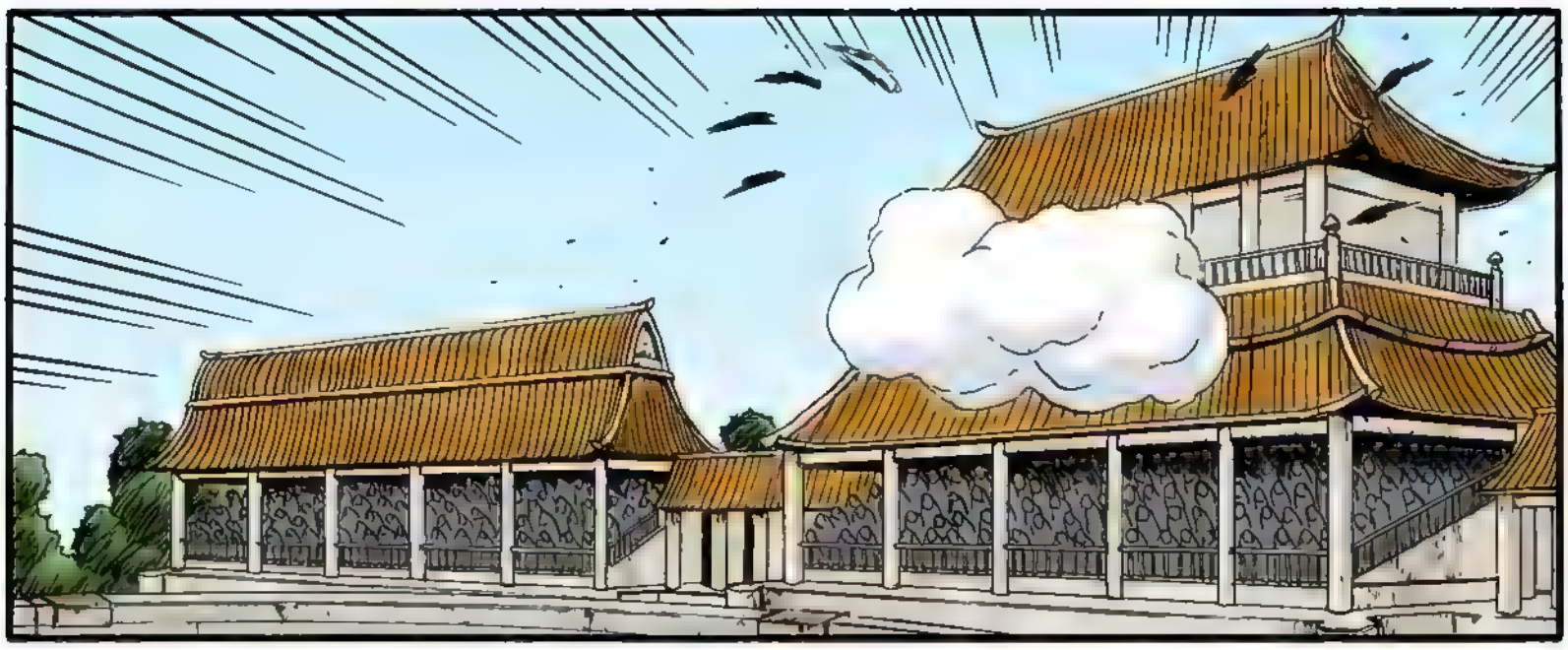

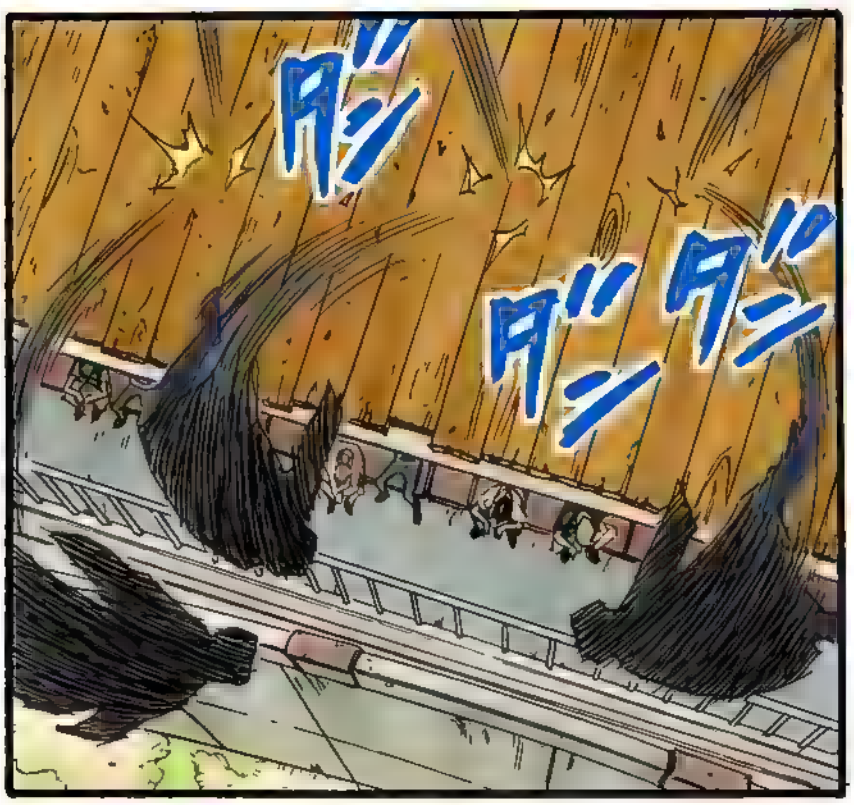

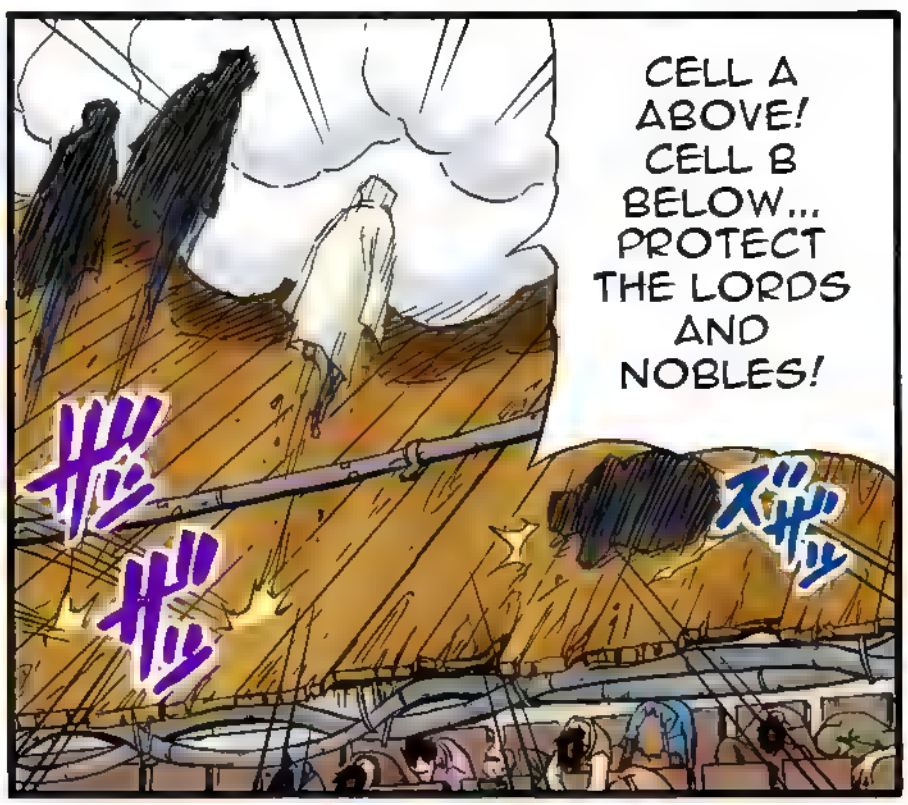

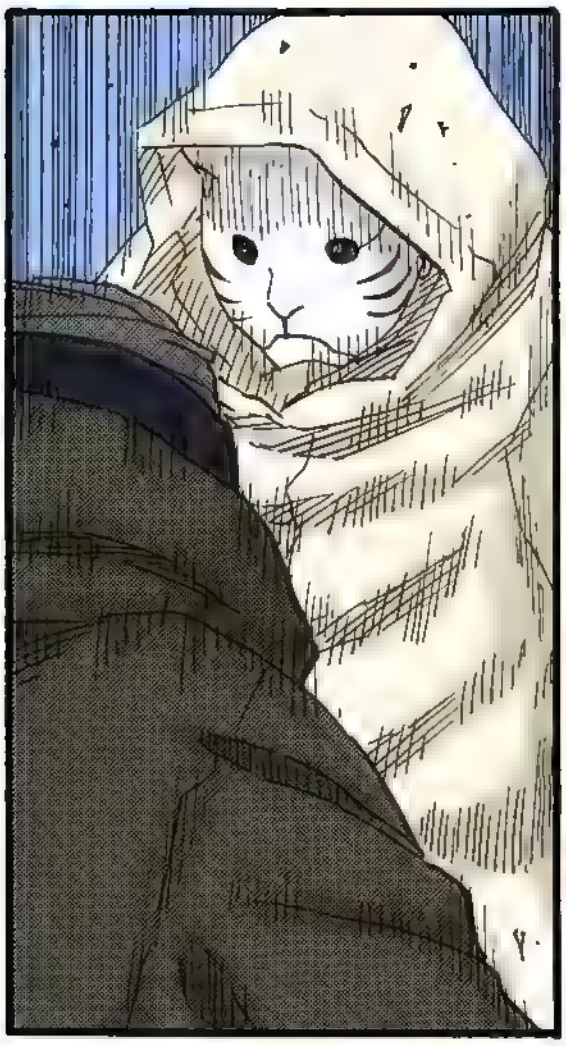

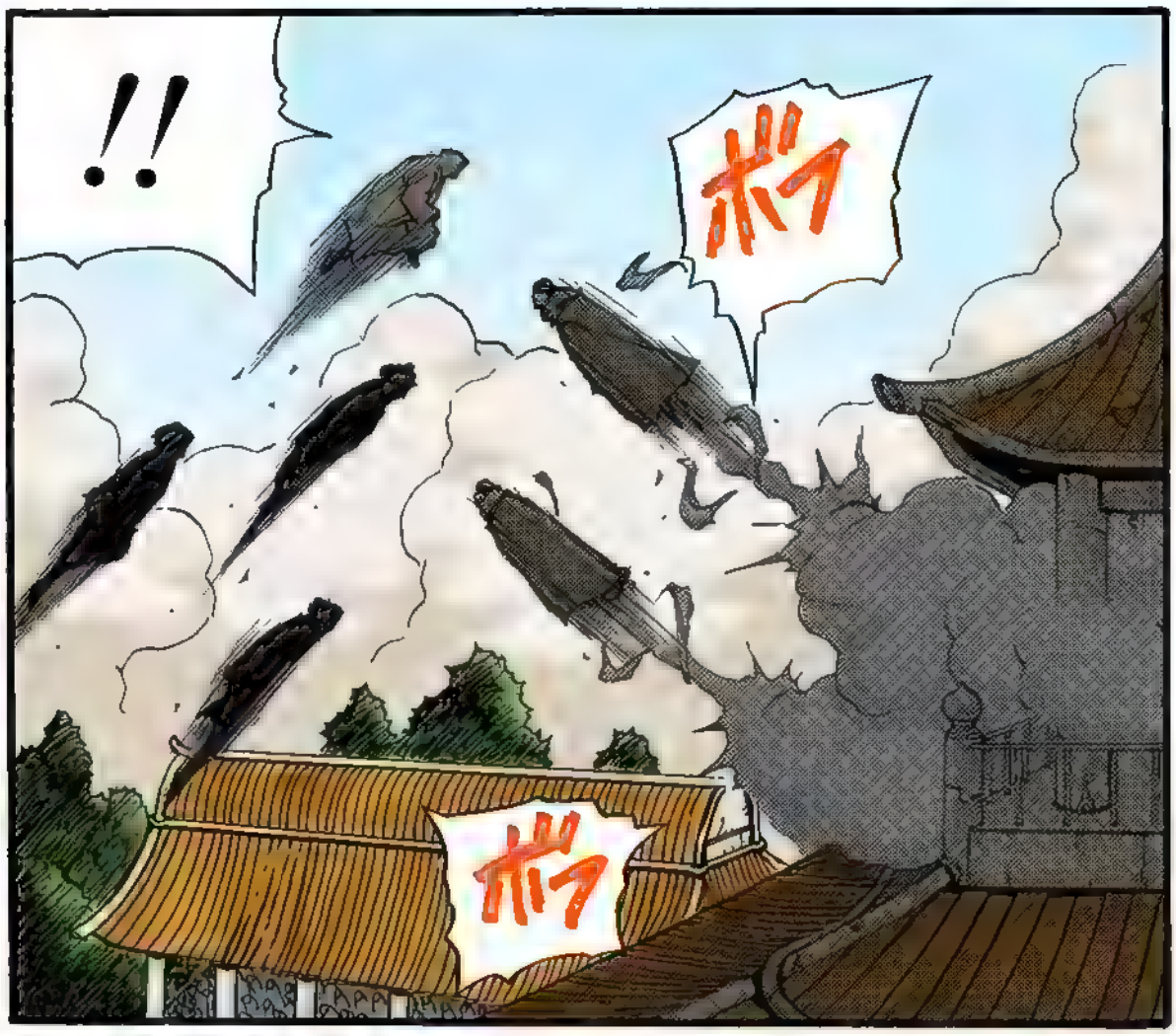

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DO IT...

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NINJA ART SHISHI-ENJIN! FOUR FLAMES FORM-ATION!

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UGH...

IT'S A BARRIER..!

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THERE WAS A NINTH TRAITOR...

SHEESH...

SOUND NINJA!!

SO IT WOULD APPEAR...

SO HE'S THE ONE WHO PERFORMED THE GENJUTSU...

TREATIES ARE MERELY SMOKE-SCREENS TO LULL THE OTHER PARTY INTO RELAXING THEIR GUARD.

I NEVER IMAGINED SAND WOULD BETRAY KONOHA...

FROM HERE ON OUT, HISTORY WILL BE MADE...

THIS PITIFUL PRETEND COMPETITION IS NOW OVER...

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THERE IS STILL TIME FOR THAT...

LET US AVOID VIOLENCE AND INSTEAD REACH A SETTLEMENT THROUGH NEGOTIATION... LORD KAZEKAGE.

INDEED.

ARE YOU INCITING WAR?!

...MASTER **SARUTOBI**!!

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HO HO...

OLD AGE HAS MADE YOU FEEBLE-MINDED...

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YOU...

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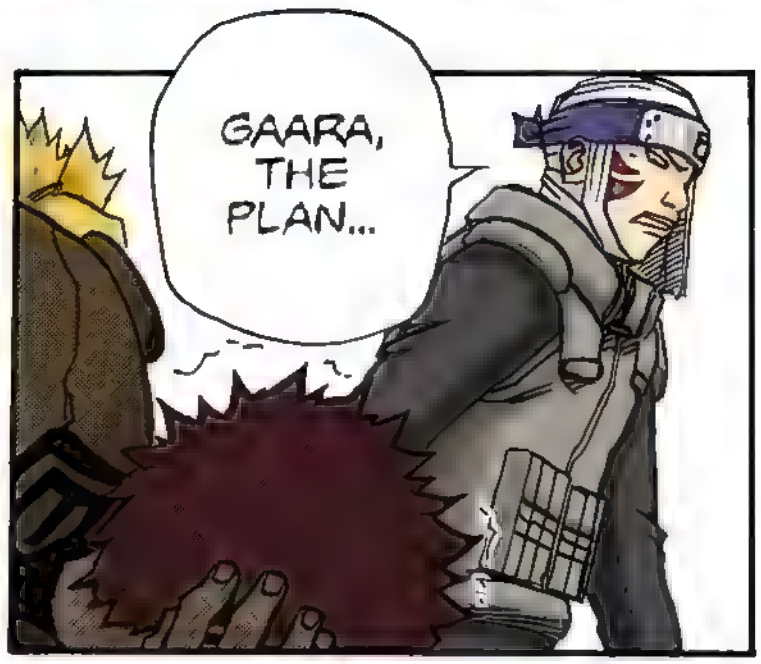

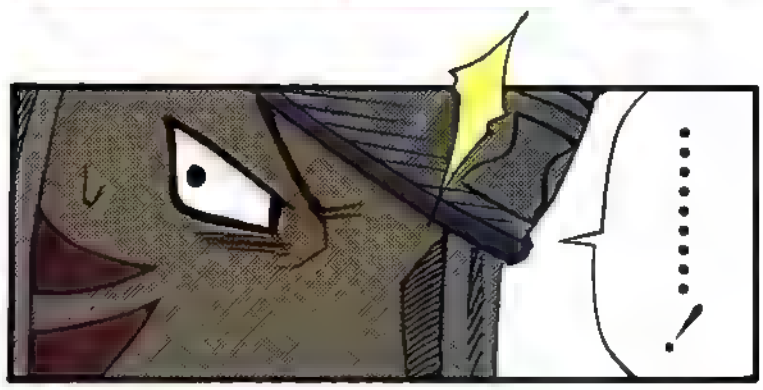

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HE CAN'T DO IT ANYMORE!!

HE'S SUFFERING A REACTION.

IDIOT!!

I CAN'T BELIEVE HE WOULD TRY TO UNDERGO COMPLETE POSSESSION WITHOUT WAITING FOR THE SIGNAL...!

YOU WANT US TO GO AHEAD WITHOUT GAARA?!

THEN WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO?!

!?

.....

...UNH...

UGH...

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I'M CALLING IT OFF!

CRUD...

WHAT ABOUT YOU, MASTER?!

!!

YOU TWO TAKE GAARA AND WITHDRAW FOR NOW!

Y-YES, SIR!

I'M GOING TO HELP FIGHT.

GO!!

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LET'S JUST AMP THINGS UP A BIT, SHALL WE...?

WHO KNOWS...?

_OROCHIMARU?

IS THE HOST OF THIS LITTLE PARTY...

HEY! WH-WHAT'S GOING ON?!

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YOU GO AFTER GAARA AND THE OTHERS, RIGHT NOW!

SORRY, BUT THE CHÛNIN EXAM IS OVER.

.....!

YOU'RE ALREADY AT CHÛNIN LEVEL. IF YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF A KONOHA SHINOBI, DO SOMETHING USEFUL...

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HH!!

SHEESH...

WHAT THE HECK'S GOING ON...

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GAARA WASN'T OF ANY USE, HUH...?

SASUKE...!!

!

...I SEE... SO THAT'S WHAT'S AFOOT...

.....

HEH HEH HEH...

I THOUGHT I TAUGHT YOU NOT TO COUNT YOUR CHICKENS BEFORE THEY'RE HATCHED...

HUMPH...!

IT'S MY VICTORY.

YOUR FOOLISHNESS HAS STALLED, PERHAPS EVEN STAGNATED, KONOHA...

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OROCHIMARU.

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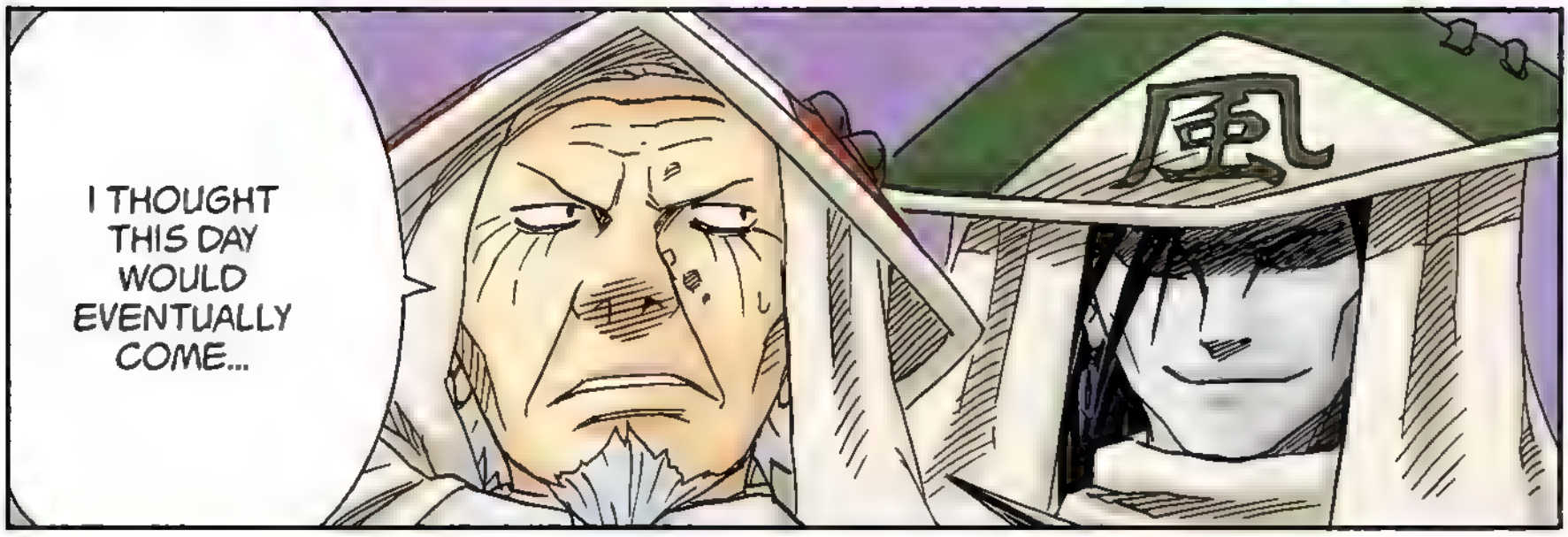

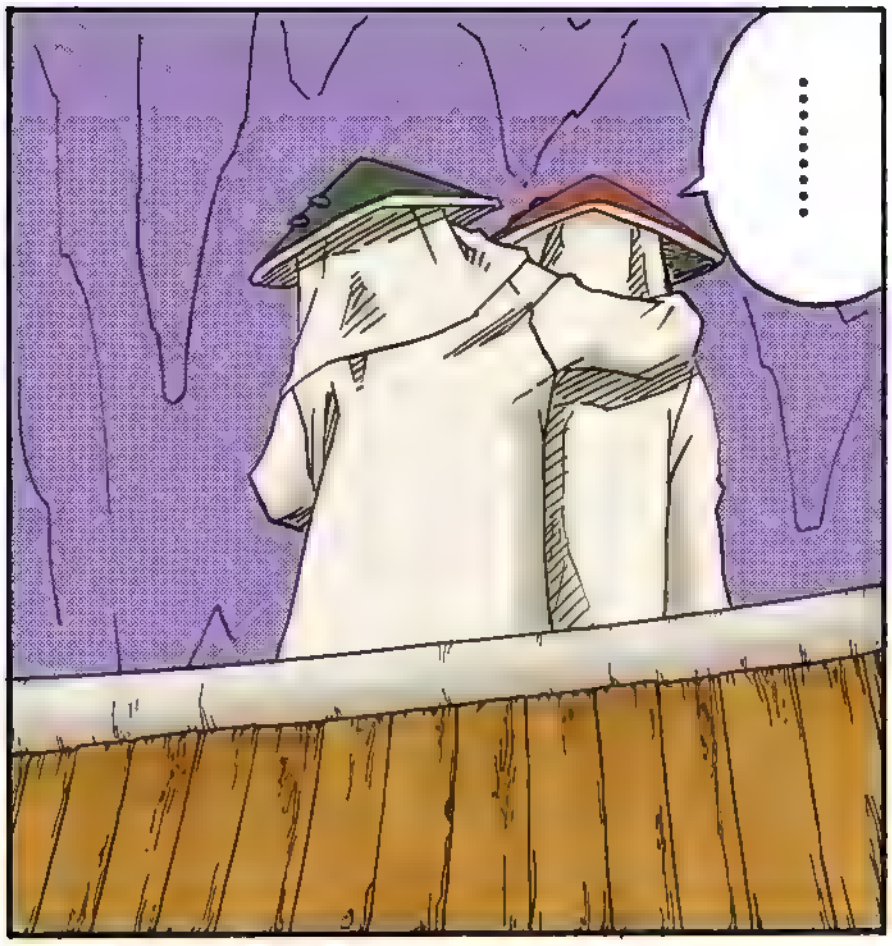

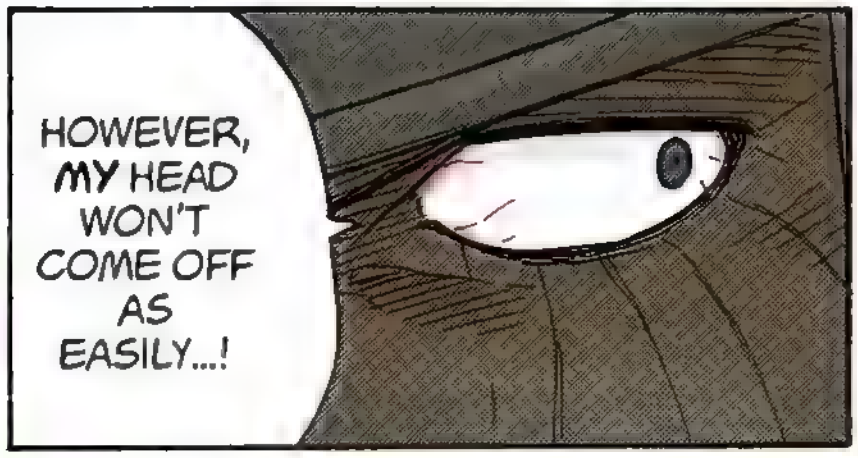

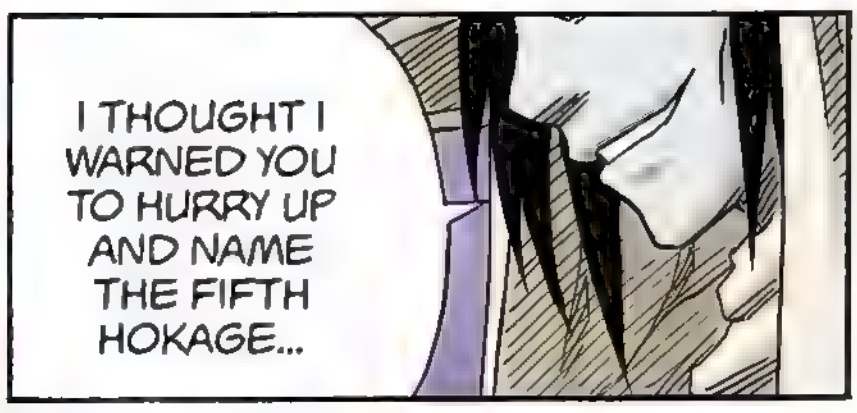

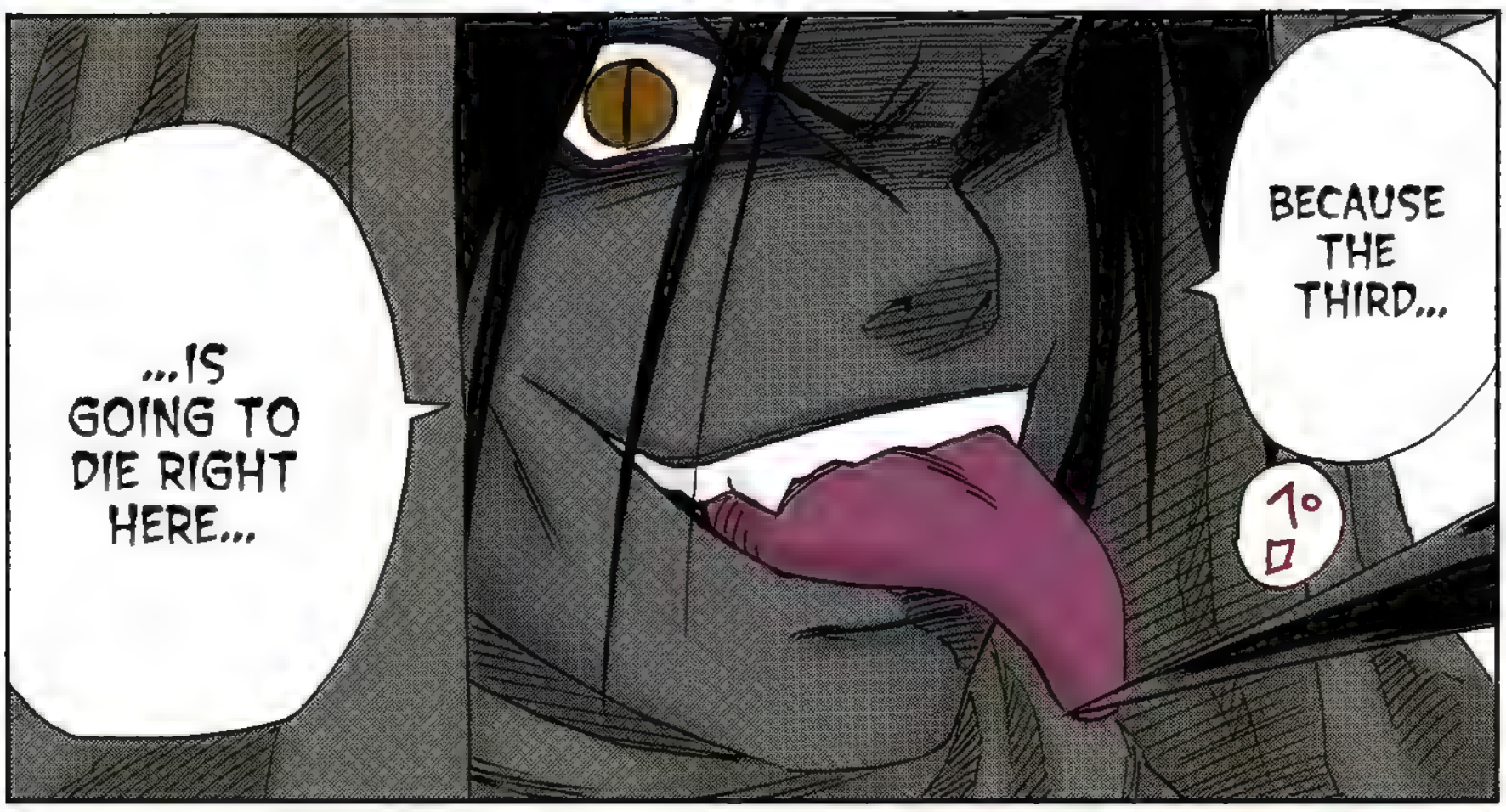

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SO... WHAT SORT OF FELLOW IS THIS OROCHIMARU?

...THE THIRD HOKAGE'S STUDENT...

HE WAS FORMERLY ...

...THOUGH ULTIMATELY HE WASN'T CHOSEN...

...OROCHIMARU SUPPOSEDLY PUT FORTH HIS OWN NAME FOR CONSID-ERATION...

YOU SEE, BACK IN THE DAY...WHEN THEY WERE SELECTING THE FOURTH HOKAGE...

HOW DID HE END UP A ROGUE SHINOBI...?

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OROCHIMARU'S PROBABLY RESENTED THE THIRD LORD...

...EVER SINCE.

SHORTLY AFTER THAT, HE RAN FROM THE VILLAGE...

MOST LIKELY.

A VENDETTA...?!

.....

...JUST ONE THOUGHT.

LONG AGO, BACK WHEN I WAS STILL A BRAT, I LOOKED AT HIM AND HAD...

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...HE SCARED ME.

THAT HE WASN'T HUMAN... MERELY SOMETHING THAT HAD HUMAN FORM...

.....

JUST... SCARED ME...

GIANT SNAKES HAVE APPEARED IN THE VICINITY OF THE EAST GATE! FOLLOWING THEM, ROUGHLY 100 SAND SHINOBI HAVE INFILTRATED THE VILLAGE!

REPORTING IN!!

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ALERT THE COMMANDER OF THE EAST GATE SENTRY BOX!

ORDER ALL SHINOBI PATROLLING THAT AREA TO CONVERGE ON THE SCENE!

IT'S FINALLY COME!

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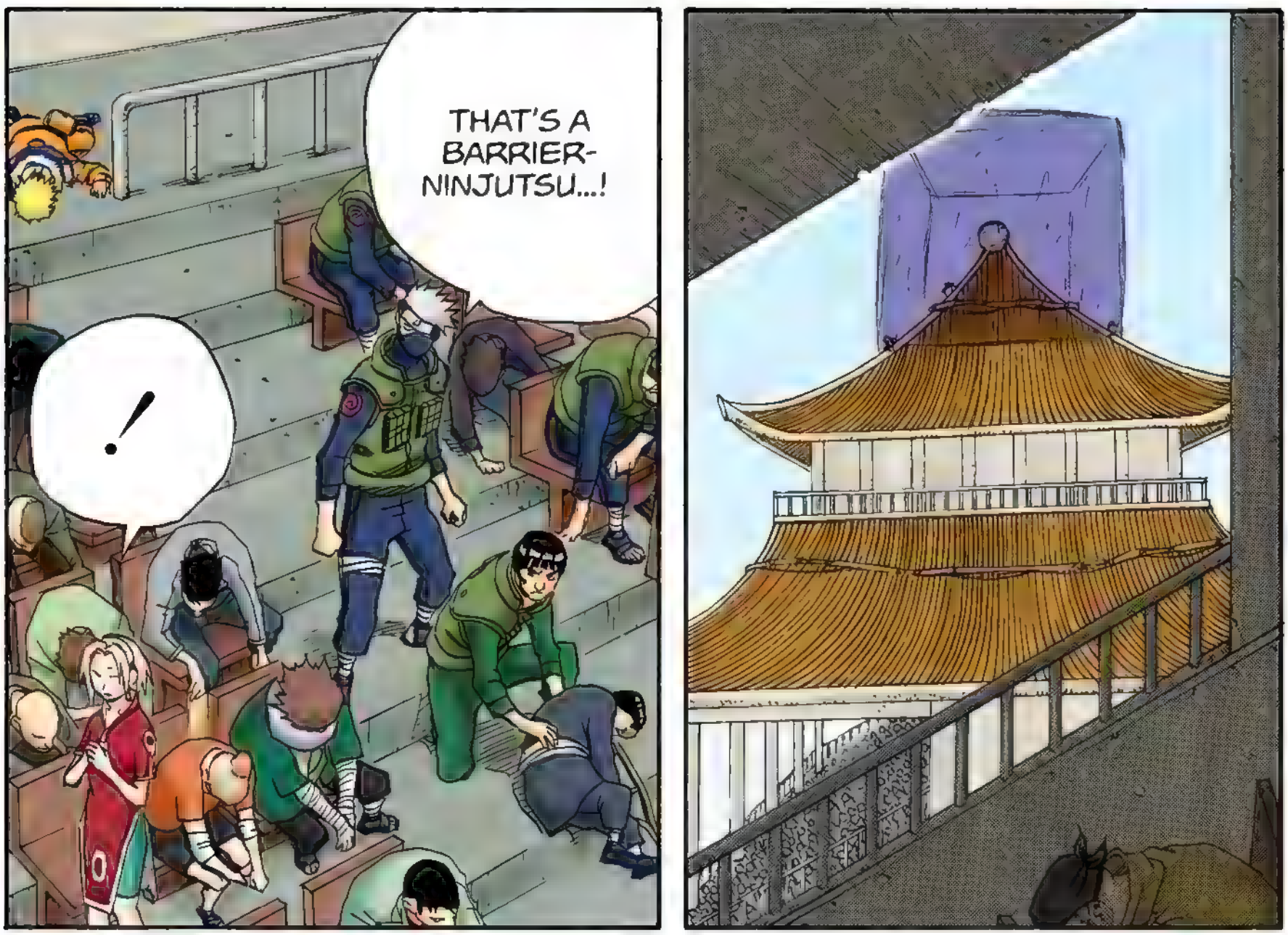

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KAKASHI, LOOK CLOSELY INSIDE THE BARRIER!

WH-WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOING ON?!

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OROCHIMARU!!

DON'T TELL ME HE'S AFTER SASUKE AGAIN!!

WH-WHAT'S HE DOING HERE?

SASUKE...!

OROCHIMARU?!

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WHERE'S SASUKE...?!

OH...

HUH?

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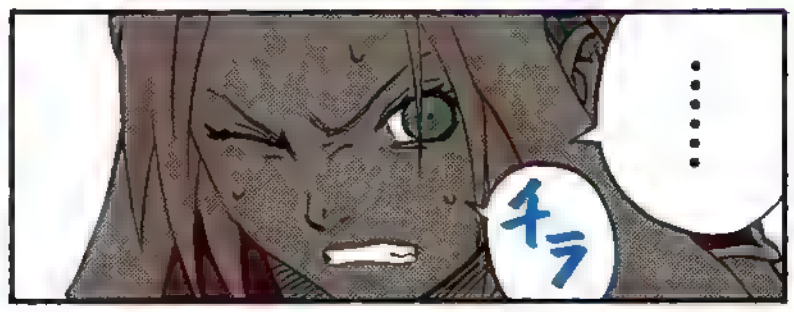

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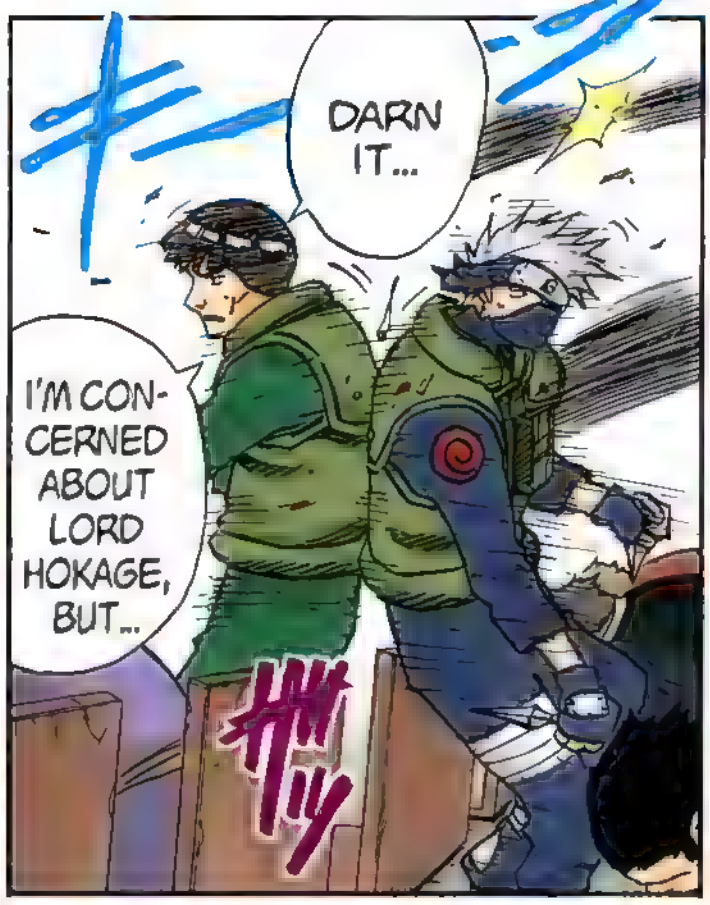

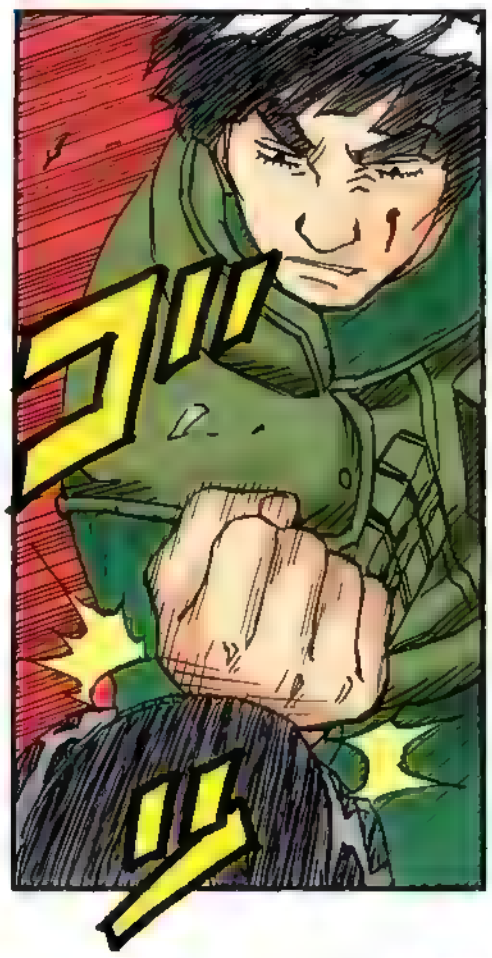

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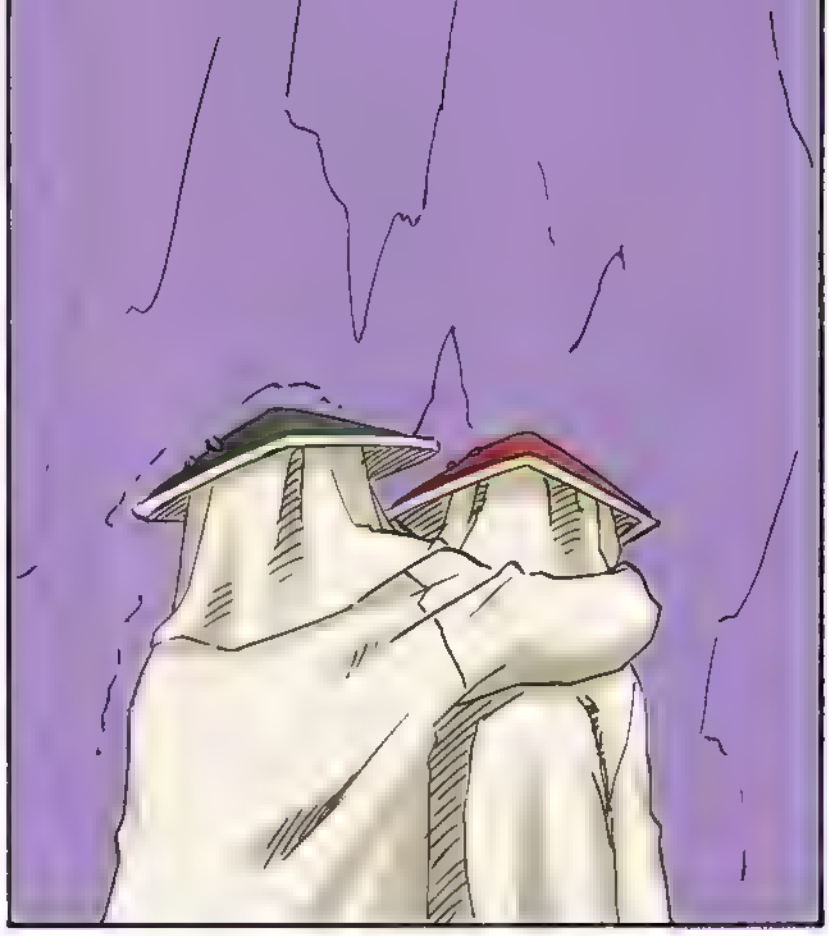

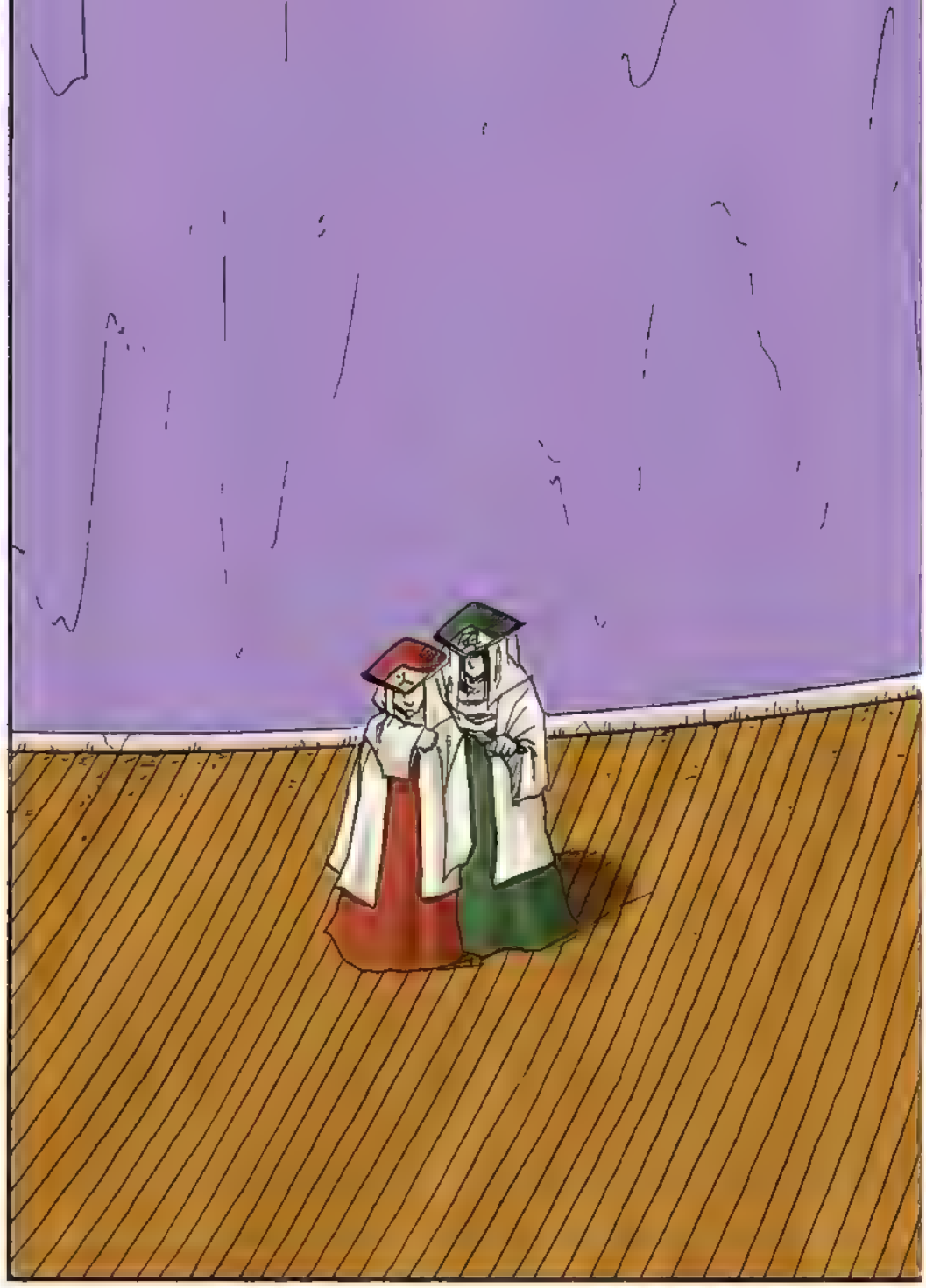

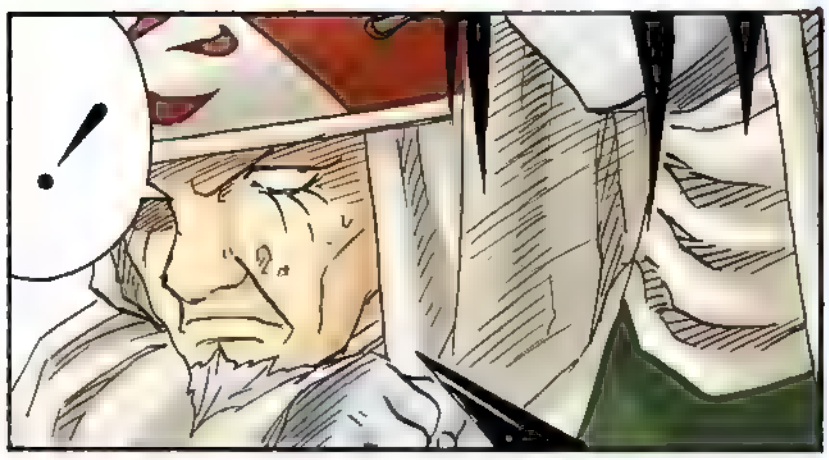

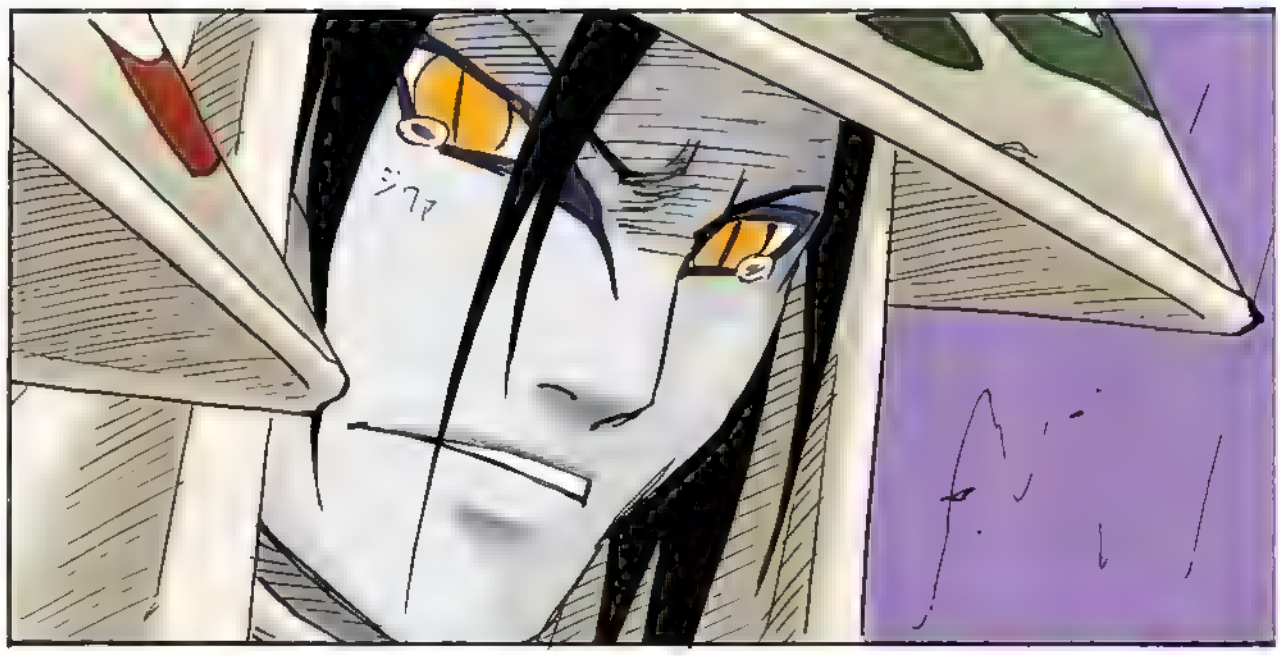

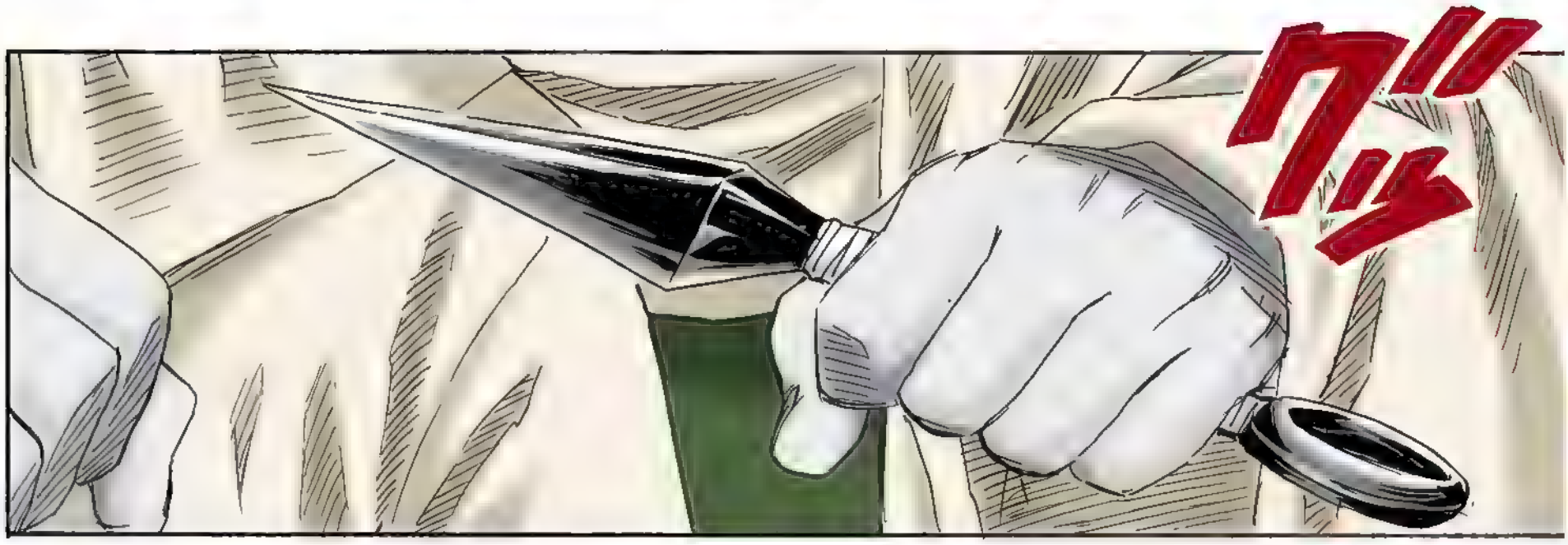

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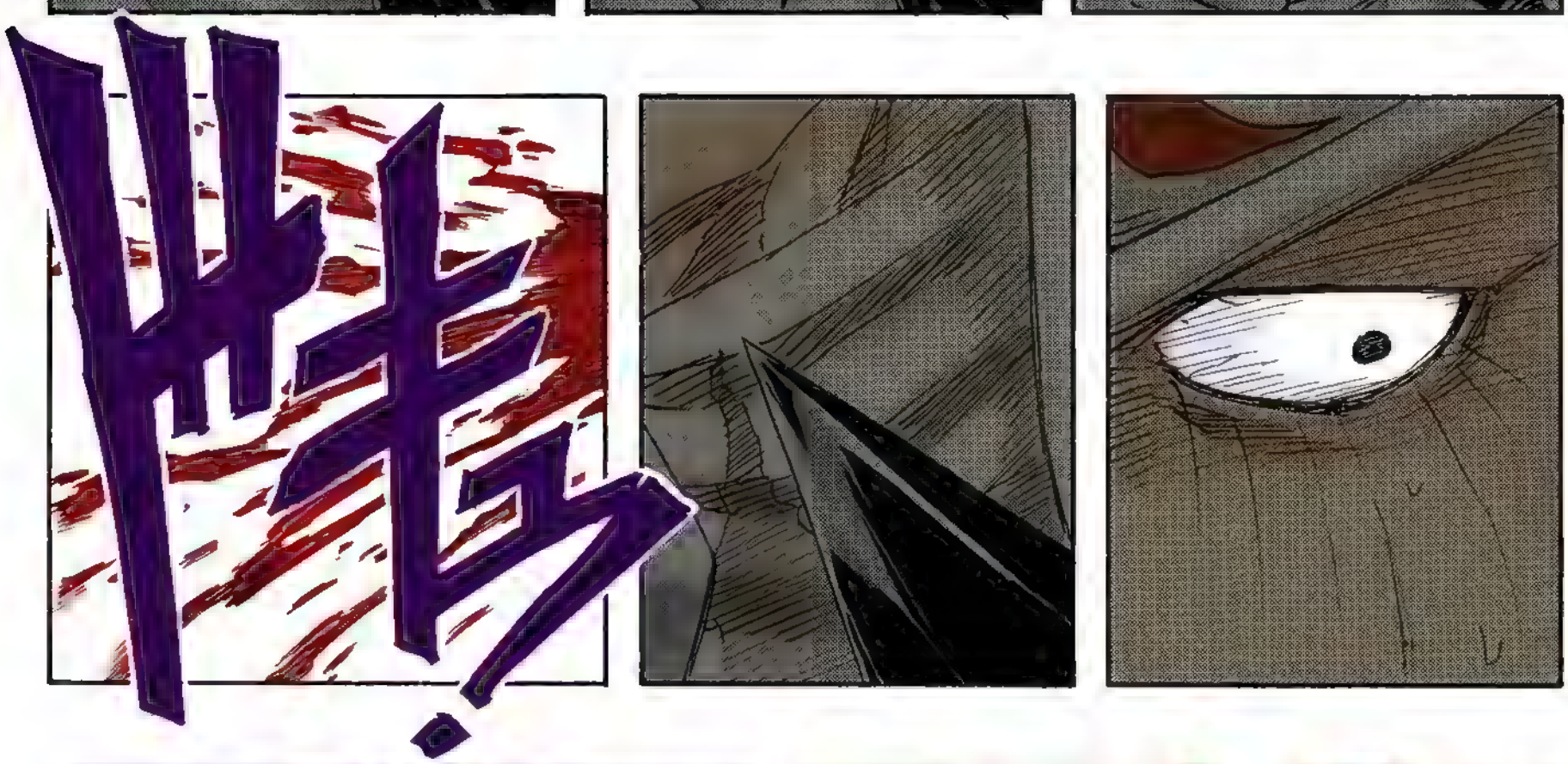

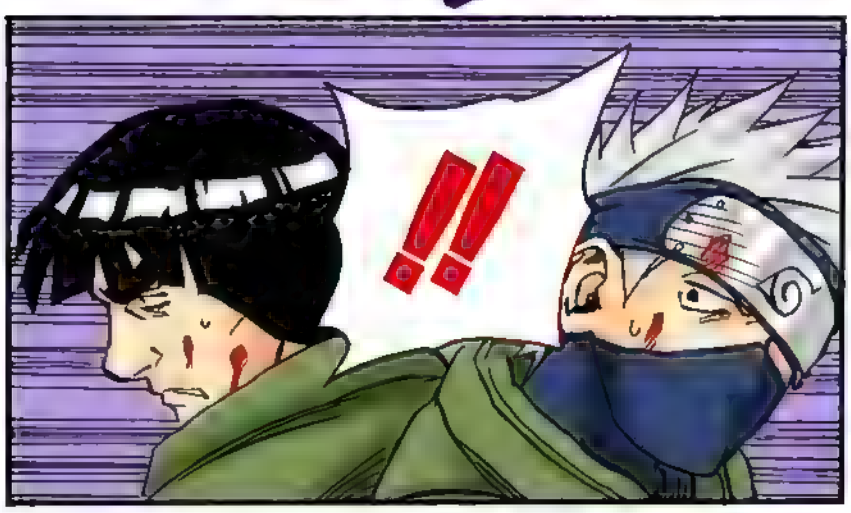

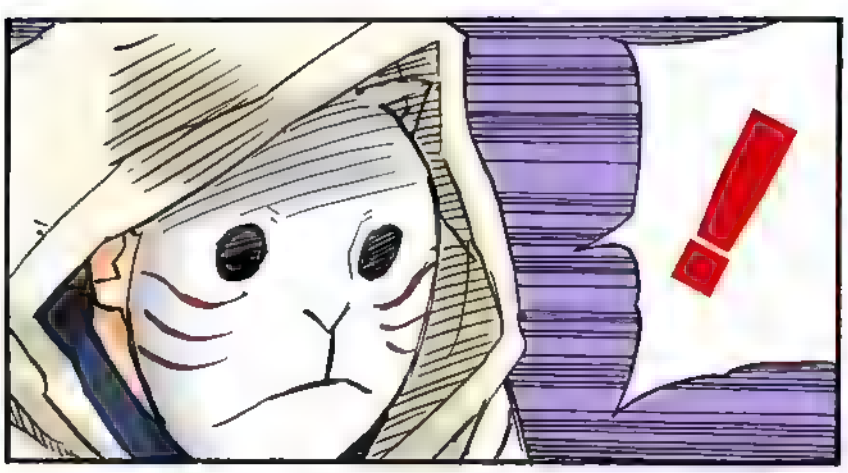

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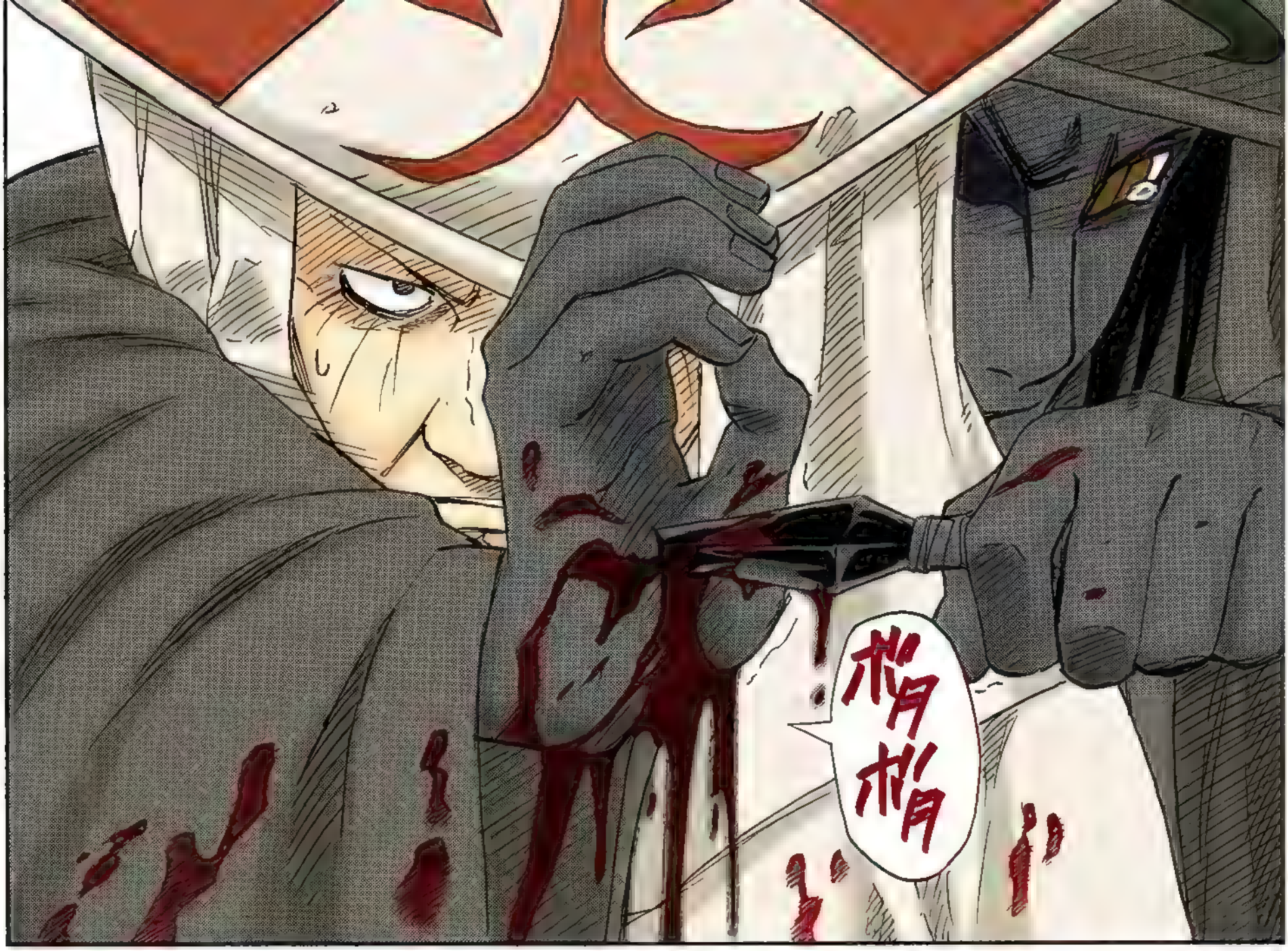

...AT THE THOUGHT OF KILLING YOUR TEACHER AND MENTOR?

...THAT YOU ACTUALLY POSSESS SOME REGRET...

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THERE... THAT FEELS BETTER.

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NAH... JUST A BIT SLEEPY...

SOME TEARS WELLED UP WHEN I YAWNED, THAT'S ALL...

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EXACTLY AS I SUSPECTED...

HMM... ACTUALLY, I DO HAVE PURPOSE.

WELL, TO PUT IT SIMPLY...

YOU HAVE NEITHER MOTIVES NOR PURPOSE.

I KNOW YOU'RE NOT A MAN TO BE MOVED BY HATRED...

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IT'S BORING WHEN THINGS STAND STILL, DON'T YOU AGREE...?

I ENJOY WATCHING MOVING OBJECTS.

THEN AGAIN, WHEN IT'S STOPPED, IT CAN SOMETIMES BE SENTIMENTAL TOO...

A MOTIONLESS PINWHEEL ISN'T WORTH WATCHING...

I WANT TO MAKE THE PINWHEEL SPIN WITH THE DESTRUCTION OF KONOHA RIGHT NOW...

EITHER WAY...

YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED A BIT...

HUMPH...

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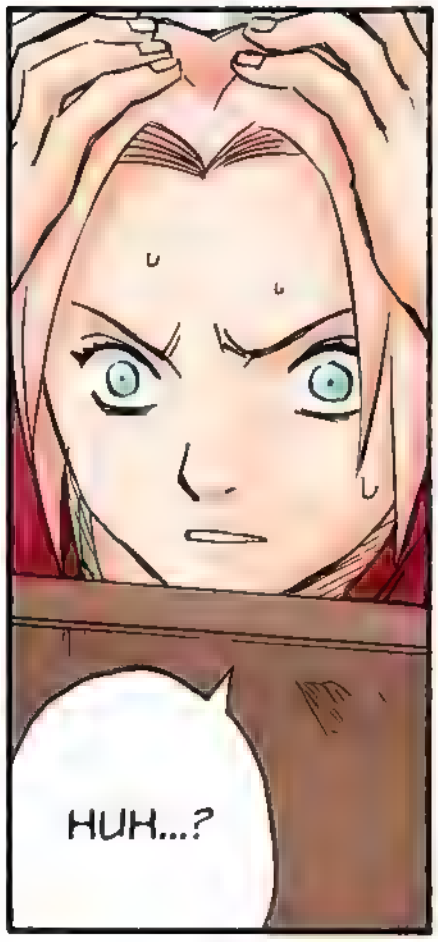
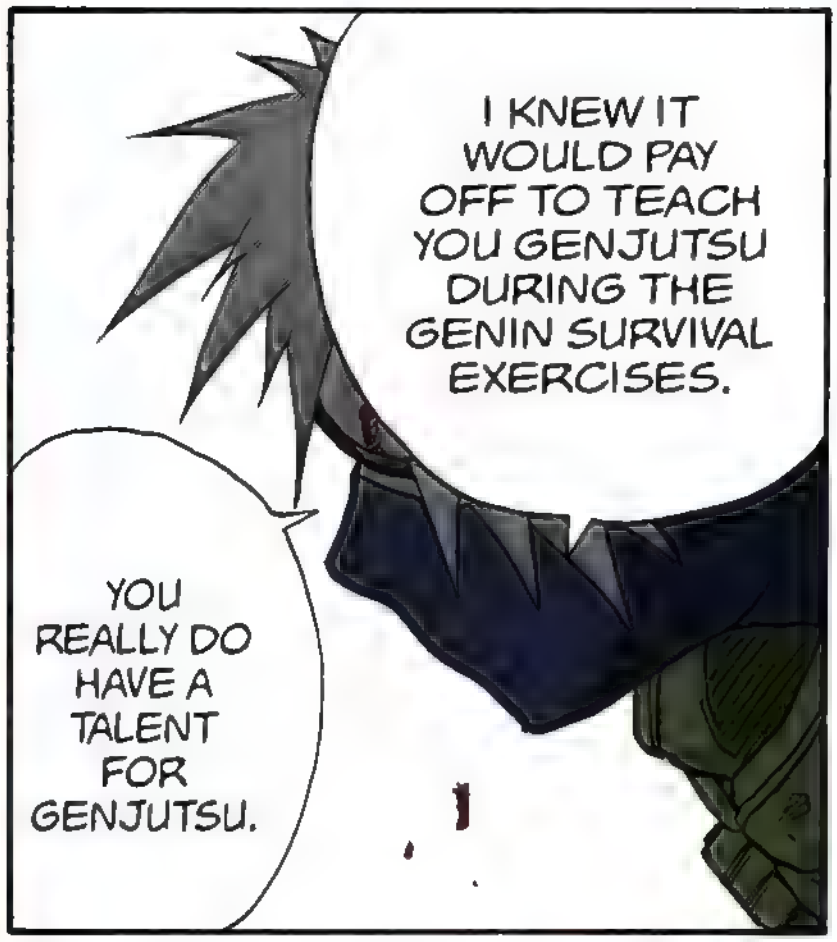
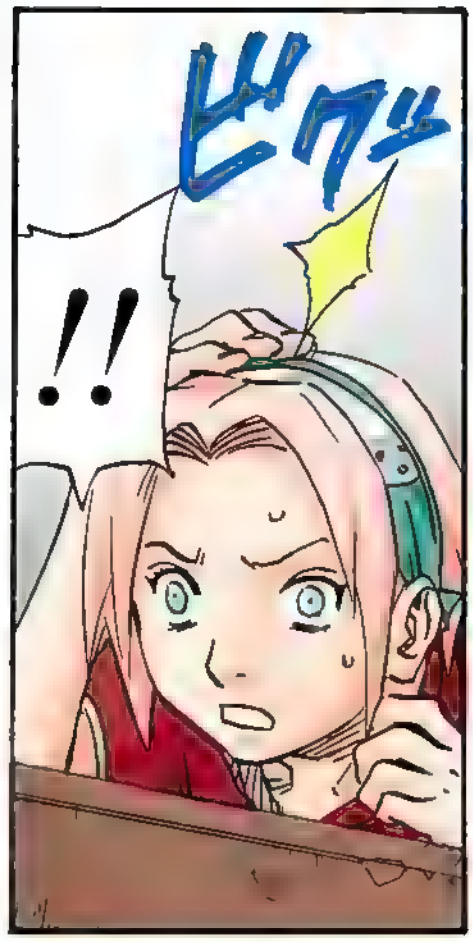



I KNEW IT WOULD PAY OFF TO TEACH YOU GENJUTSU DURING THE GENIN SURVIVAL EXERCISES.
YOU REALLY DO HAVE A TALENT FOR GENJUTSU.



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I'VE GOT ANOTHER MISSION FOR YOU...

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ONE THAT WILL TAKE YOUR FULL FOCUS...

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NARUTO'LL PROBABLY BE HAPPY TO HEAR THAT.

WH-WHAT KIND OF MISSION...?

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...THE LIKES YOU HAVEN'T SEEN SINCE THE LAND OF WAVES!!

AN A-RANK ASSIGN-MENT...

WHAT...?!

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THE IMPARIED MISSION!!

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AIEE!

SASUKE IS PURSUING GAARA AND THE OTHER SAND NINJA.

UNDER THESE CONDITIONS, WHAT DO YOU WANT US TO DO...?!!

...MASTER!! AN A-RANK ASSIGN-MENT...?!

...AND CHASE AFTER SASUKE.

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SAKURA... YOU UNDO THE GENJUTSU ON NARUTO AND SHIKAMARU...

WHAT?!

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IT WORRIES ME... THAT WEIRD CHAKRA...

WHY DON'T WE WAKE UP INO AND CHOJI TOO AND GO EN MASSE...!

B-BUT, IN THAT CASE...

MOVEMENT BY MORE THAN A BASIC TROOP UNIT OF FOUR WILL DESTROY ANY ADVANTAGE OF SWIFTNESS AND MAKES IT HARDER TO HIDE FROM THE ENEMY...

THEY TAUGHT THAT DURING THE PATROL DRILLS AT THE ACADEMY, DIDN'T THEY?

I SUSPECT THERE IS ALREADY A LARGE NUMBER OF SAND AND SOUND NINJA INSIDE OUR VILLAGE.

BUT YOU JUST SAID FOUR...

WHO'S THE FOURTH...?!

HUH...?!

RIGHT!

OH!

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KUCHIYOSE NO JUTSU! ART OF SUMMONING!!!

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...WILL TRACK SASUKE FOR YOU...!!

PAKKUN...

...IS THIS LITTLE DOGGIE...?!!

D-DON'T TELL ME...! OUR FOURTH...

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DON'T YOU DARE CALL ME "A CUTE LITTLE DOGGIE"!

HEY, YOU! LITTLE GIRL!!

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O-OKAY!

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...SAY "CUTE"...

I DIDN'T...

...UNDO THE GENJUTSU ON NARUTO AND SHIKAMARU!

ALL RIGHT! SAKURA...

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KAI!
RELEASE!!

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HUH...?

STAY DOWN!

I'LL TELL YOU LATER!!

HUH?!!

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...EH? WHAT HAPPENED...? SAKURA...

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SHIKAMARU, YOU... FROM THE GET-GO...?!

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YOU KNEW HOW TO REVERSE GENJUTSU TOO!

WHY WERE YOU PRETENDING TO BE ASLEEP!!

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YEOW!!

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NO THANKS... I DON'T CARE ABOUT SASUKE...

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HUMPH... I DIDN'T WANT TO GET DRAGGED INTO IT!

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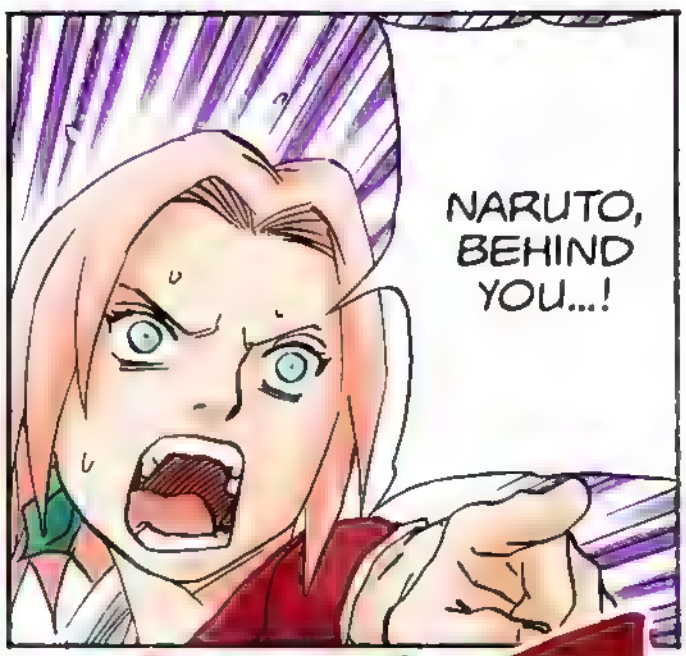

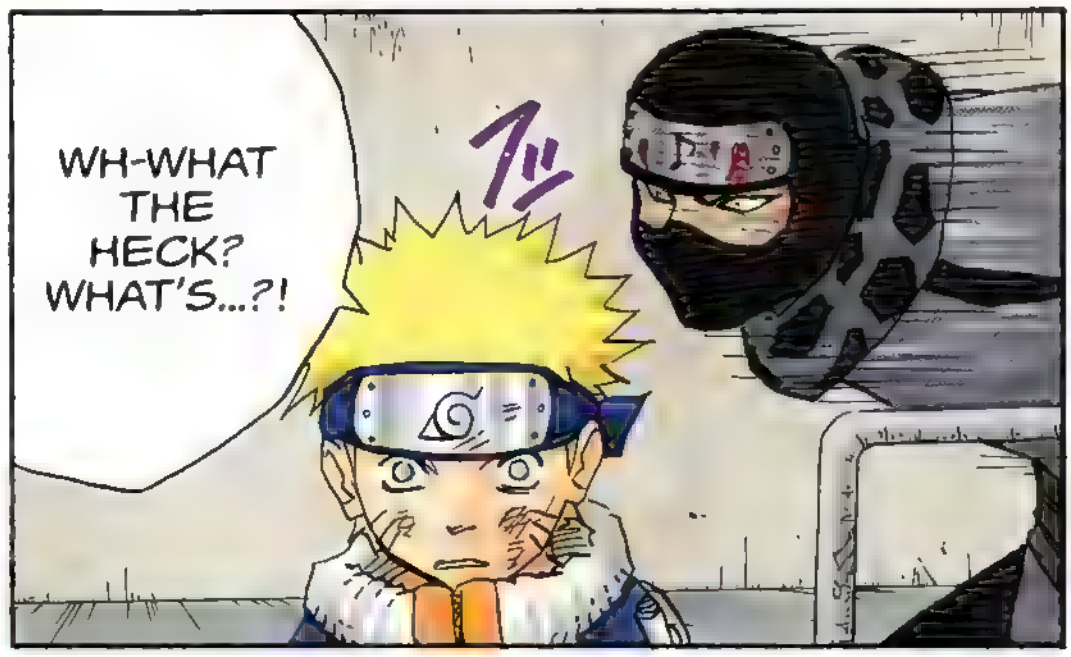

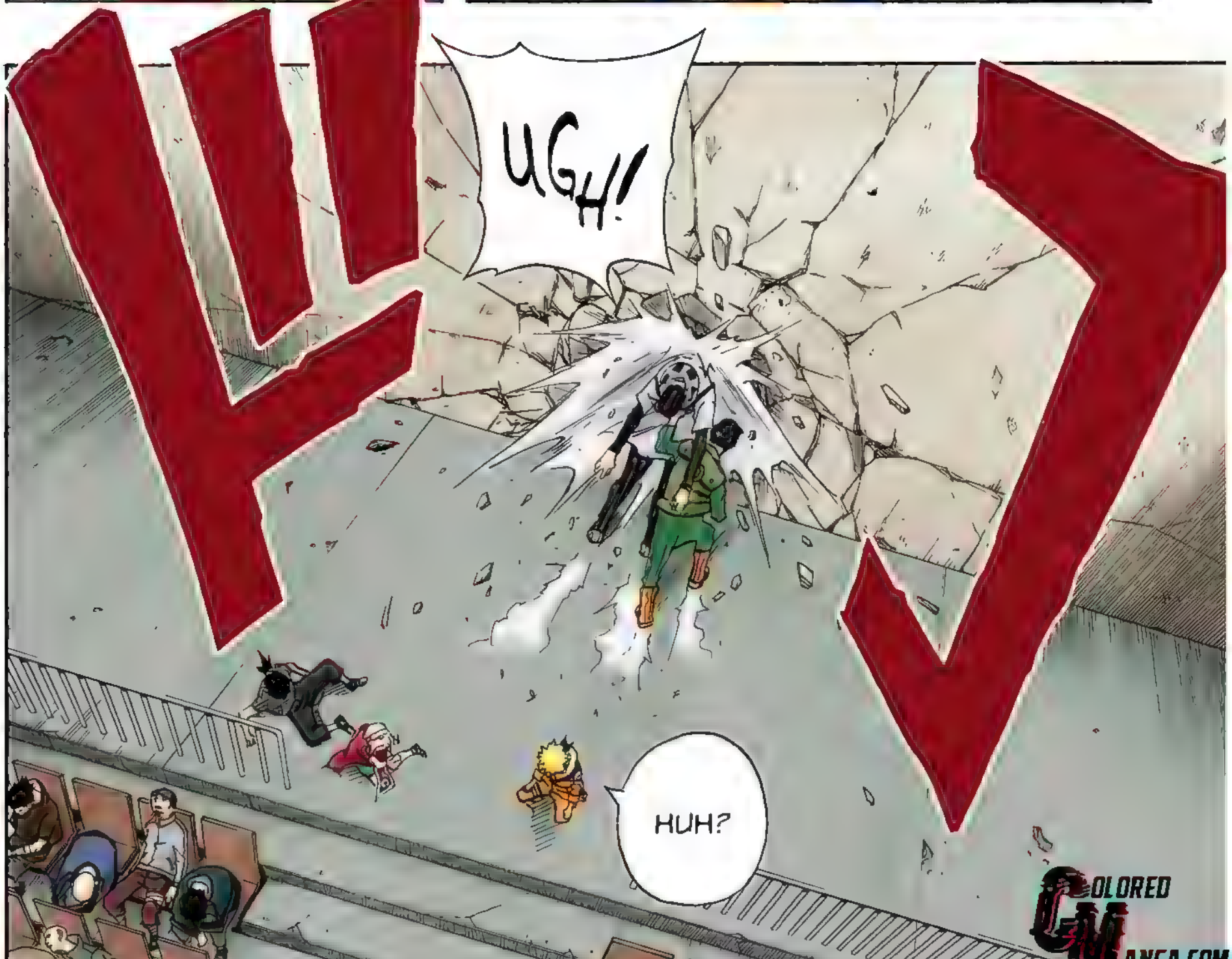

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HAH!!

I'M NOT JUST FAST...

FAST...

ONCE YOU'VE HEARD IT... HEAD OUT THROUGH THAT HOLE!

OKAY, HERE'S YOUR MISSION!

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MASTER GUY!!

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!?

CHASE AFTER SASUKE, CONVERGE ON HIM, AND STOP HIM!

AND THEN WATCH AND WAIT SOMEWHERE SAFE UNTIL YOU RECEIVE NEW ORDERS!

I'LL EXPLAIN ON THE WAY!

DID SOME-THING HAPPEN TO SASUKE...?

WAAH!

LET'S GO!

SHEESH, WHY ME...?

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AS LONG AS THEY DON'T PUSH TOO MUCH...

PAKKUN'S WITH THEM. THEY'LL BE ALL RIGHT FOR NOW...

DO YOU THINK JUST THE THREE OF THEM WILL BE ENOUGH?

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HEH HEH HEH... HOW I'VE WISHED TO FIGHT YOU AGAIN...

YOU ANTICIPATED YOUR OWN LAST MOMENTS, EH...?

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ALTHOUGH IF LORD HOKAGE CAN TAKE OUT EVEN ONE OF THOSE FOUR, WE CAN PROBABLY GO IN TO AID HIM.

IT LOOKS LIKE THIS BARRIER CAN ONLY BE TAKEN DOWN FROM THE INSIDE...

UGH...

TIME TO ERECT THE INNER BARRIER, AS WELL.

HEY, THEY'RE ABOUT TO START!

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EXACTLY!

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!!!

HAH!!

OF COURSE NOT.

BESIDES, YOU WOULDN'T WANT ANYONE TO INTERFERE AND GET IN THE WAY, WOULD YOU?!

HUMPH... IT DOESN'T LOOK EASY TO ESCAPE FROM...

HMPH...

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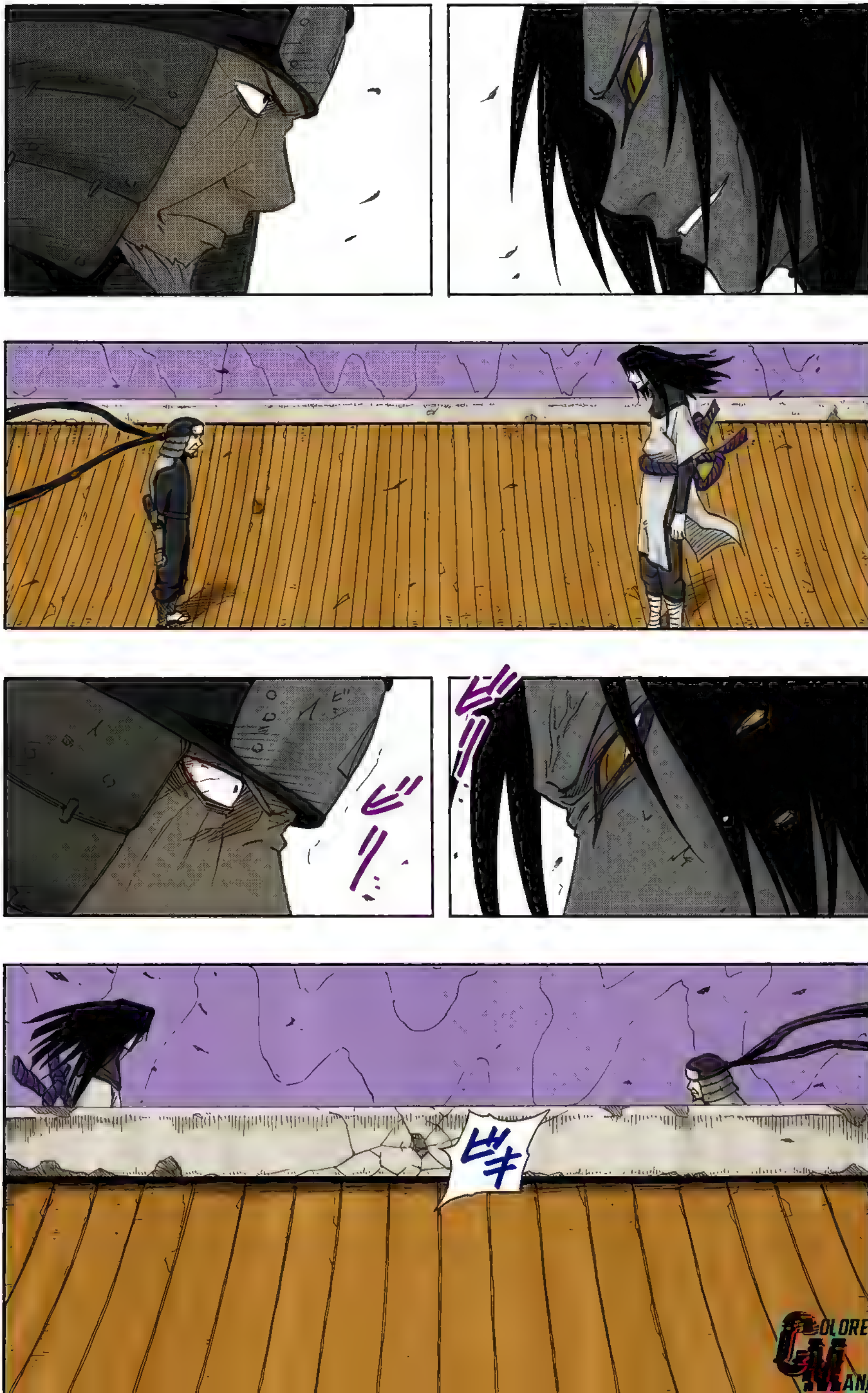
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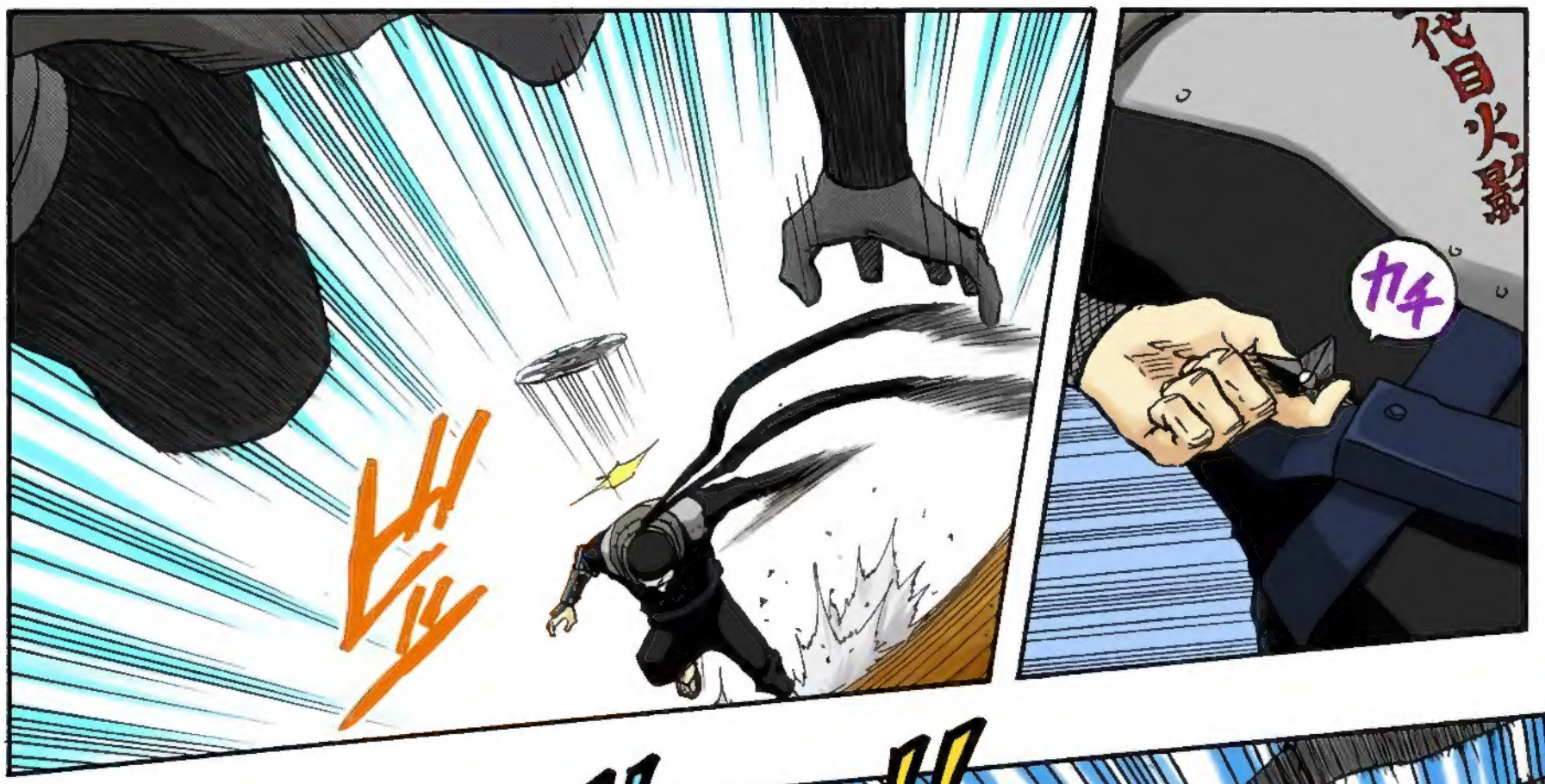
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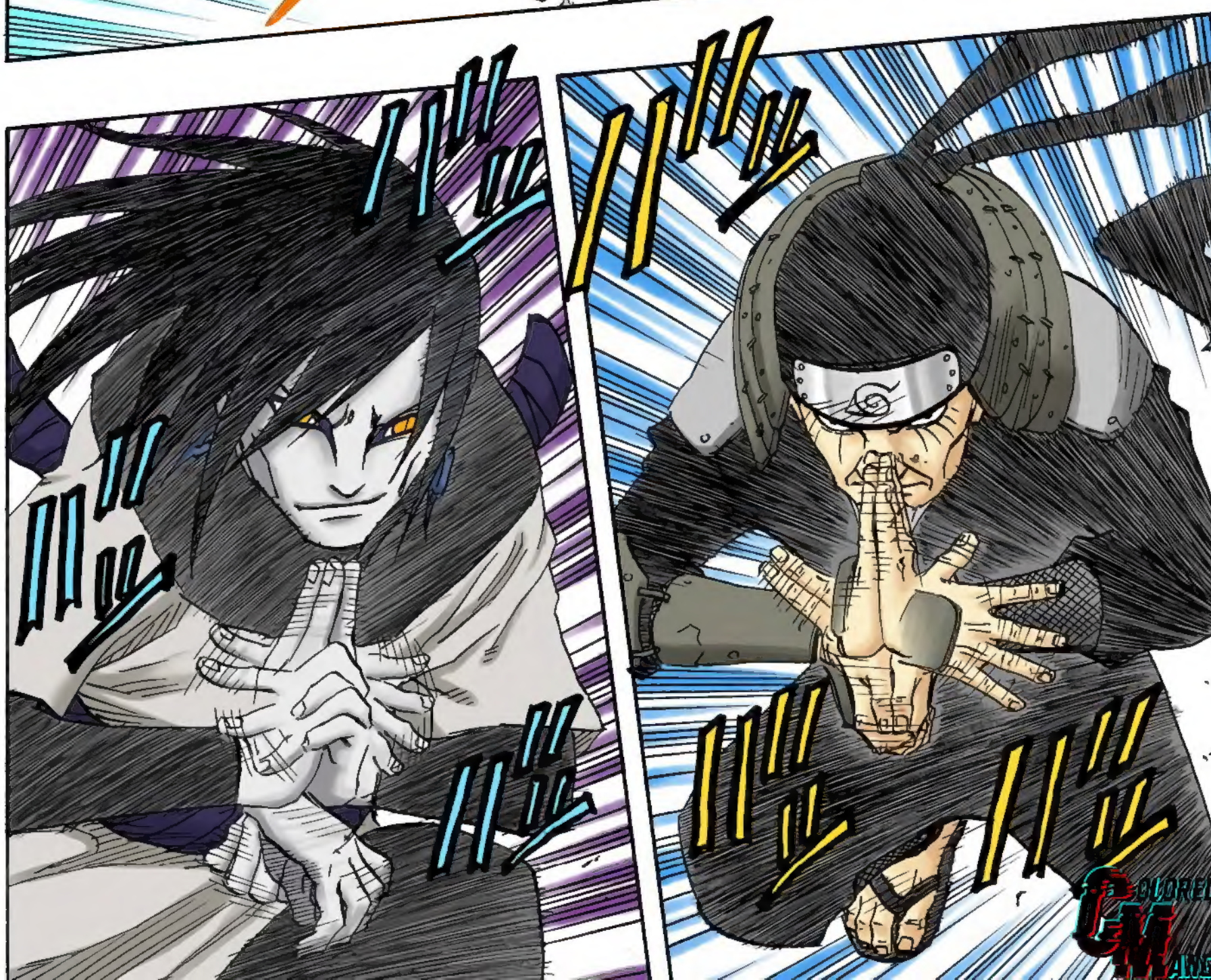
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SHURIKEN SHADOW DOPPELGANGER TECHNIQUE!

KUCHIYOSE: EDOTENSEI! SUMMONING: REANIMATION!

HE'S USING THEM AS A SHIELD! COULD HE REALLY BE RAISING THOSE SPIRITS?

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UGH... I MUST PREVENT HIM FROM RAISING THE THIRD, NO MATTER WHAT...

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THREE!!

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SO …

HE MANAGED TO BLOCK THE THIRD… AH WELL, NO MATTER!

I CAN'T BELIEVE HE WOULD SUMMON THOSE TWO OF ALL PEOPLE!!

I MAY HAVE SOMEHOW STOPPED THE THIRD… BUT EVEN SO, THIS IS STILL GOING TO BE DIFFICULT…

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